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DOORS SHUT: The M&S Foodhall at Stoneywood closed on Saturday. Pictures by Darrell Benns.

Shoppers' farewell to M&S Foodhall

BY ELLIE MILNE

Staff at the M&S Foodhall in Stoneywood have served their final customers after almost a decade in the community.

The store became a "staple" for local residents after opening its doors in December 2016.

Many who live nearby even said having a "Markies on their doorstep" was a huge factor in buying their homes in the area.

News of the store closing broke in May with upset quickly spreading through the community.

Janine Langler, whose home looks on to M&S, started a petition to try to convince bosses to change their minds about the store's future.

But despite gaining more than 3,000 signatures, the company said the location "no longer aligned with future plans".

Stoneywood resident Lynne Craib was just one of the people who signed the petition.

"We were surprised to hear about the closure because it's always very busy," she told The Press and Journal.

"As soon as it was announced my phone went crazy with people commenting in the neighbourhood chat.

"Some of the residents stood outside with a little table, asking customers to sign the petition as well."

Lynne and her family also viewed the local M&S as a selling point when moving to Stoneywood.

"And I know some elderly residents who thought the same," she added. "So if they don't have a car or can't use the bus, they don't have the same options now.

"It's better here than it is at Bridge of Don, the car park there is too busy. It puts us off going."

Lisa Watson picked up a few bits and bobs ahead of her final shift at the store she has worked at for the past five years.

She will return to work tomorrow after being relocated to Union Square, with most of the Stoneywood team also moved to other locations.

"Hearing we were closing was a shock," she said. "I was told on the phone and an hour later it was all over social media.

"It's a shame we're losing the store, especially for elderly people. My gran lives around the corner and can't go to another M&S.

"People will come in just for some conversation, it's part of their routine.

"And I've made friends with customers just by seeing them most days over the past five years."

The foodhall officially closed its doors at 5pm with trucks expected to appear to clear out the unit.

Staff from the store took the opportunity to share a "heartfelt thank you" with their loyal customers.

In a post online, they wrote: "We'd like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful customers for shopping with us over the years.

"It has been an absolute pleasure, and we've truly loved serving you."

Lisa Watson on her last day at Stoneywood.

Lynne Craib and family.

Royals at kirk service during Balmoral break

SUNDAY WORSHIP: The King and Queen being driven to Crathie Kirk, near Balmoral, yesterday morning. Picture by Darrell Benns.

BY ELLIE MILNE

The King and Queen have attended a service at Crathie Kirk during their summer break in Royal Deeside.

The couple arrived at the church near the Balmoral Estate yesterday morning.

They enjoy a summer break at the residence every year and regularly attend Crathie Kirk.

They were driven from the estate to attend the service, with Queen Camilla sitting in the front passenger seat of the car.

The King travelled as a passenger of a Range Rover which was followed by another car to the front of the church.

Balmoral Castle, including its grounds, gardens and exhibitions, closed to the public last weekend.

A post shared online stated: "Thank you to everyone who visited the castle and estate during the 2026 summer season.

"We hope you enjoyed your time at Balmoral and left with lasting memories of your visit."

The King has carried out a number of royal visits in the north of Scotland in recent weeks.

On Friday, he travelled to Ballindalloch to celebrate Aberdeen-Angus cattle with breeders from across the world.

As patron of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, he spent time talking to those in attendance and enjoyed a walking tour of the herd.

At the start of the month, the King took part in the celebrations to mark Dingwall's 800th anniversary and attended the Mey Highland Games in Caithness.

The King and Queen are expected to make their annual appearance at the Braemar Gathering, near Balmoral, on Saturday September 5.

Review into costs of new prison, seven years behind schedule

Prison chiefs have launched a review into the troubled construction of a new jail costing more than £1 million for each of its 200 inmates.

The new HMP Highland in Inverness – replacing the city's 120-year-old jail – has been plagued by a series of delays, as costs have quadrupled from an initial £52m to £209m.

The state-of-the-art facility will house 200 prisoners, putting the cost per inmate at more than the price of a top-end luxury home in Scotland.

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) has now ordered a "deep-dive" review of the problem-hit project, amid concerns over the "timing and quality of work", as well as the prospect of further delays.

Prison chiefs also raised concerns that construction giant Balfour Beatty had not been honest and forthcoming about problems affecting the project until recently.

It comes after Justice Secretary Neil Gray told Holyrood in June that construction problems had pushed the prison's completion back to next spring – seven years after it was originally due to open and beyond this year's revised deadline.

The "deep-dive" probe is disclosed in an SPS report, signed off under then-chief executive Teresa Medhurst, who has since retired after 40 years with the prison service.

It marks the latest chapter in a project hit by a catalogue of setbacks since plans were first drawn up to replace overcrowded HMP Inverness, which opened in 1906.

Costs have spiralled, designs have been changed and construction works hit by supply chain and labour problems – as well as the discovery of a 2,000-year-old Iron Age settlement beneath the site.

The archaeological find brought the entire building project to a grinding halt in August 2024 when workers uncovered the remains of the prehistoric settlement hidden beneath the soil.

An SPS spokesperson said: "While this delay is disappointing, we remain absolutely determined to deliver on our ambitions for a larger, modern establishment, which will better serve local communities, meet the needs of people in our care, and support our staff."

US player extols his holiday in 'God's country'

Basketball superstar LeBron James has praised the beauty of Scotland after his recent golfing trip to the Highlands.

The NBA's all-time leading scorer reunited with some of his former Cleveland Cavaliers teammates for the holiday in June.

The group played golf at Castle Stuart Golf Links at Cabot Highlands in Inverness and stayed at the 400-year-old Aldourie Castle on the shores of Loch Ness, which is owned by Scotland's richest man, Anders Holch Povlsen.

The 41-year-old used footage of the group playing golf and dining together at the castle as the debut video on his new golfing YouTube channel.

"To be able to reunite with these guys and do a trip like this means everything to me and I know it means everything to the guys," he said. "I mean, this is a beautiful place; it feels like God's country out here when you look around.

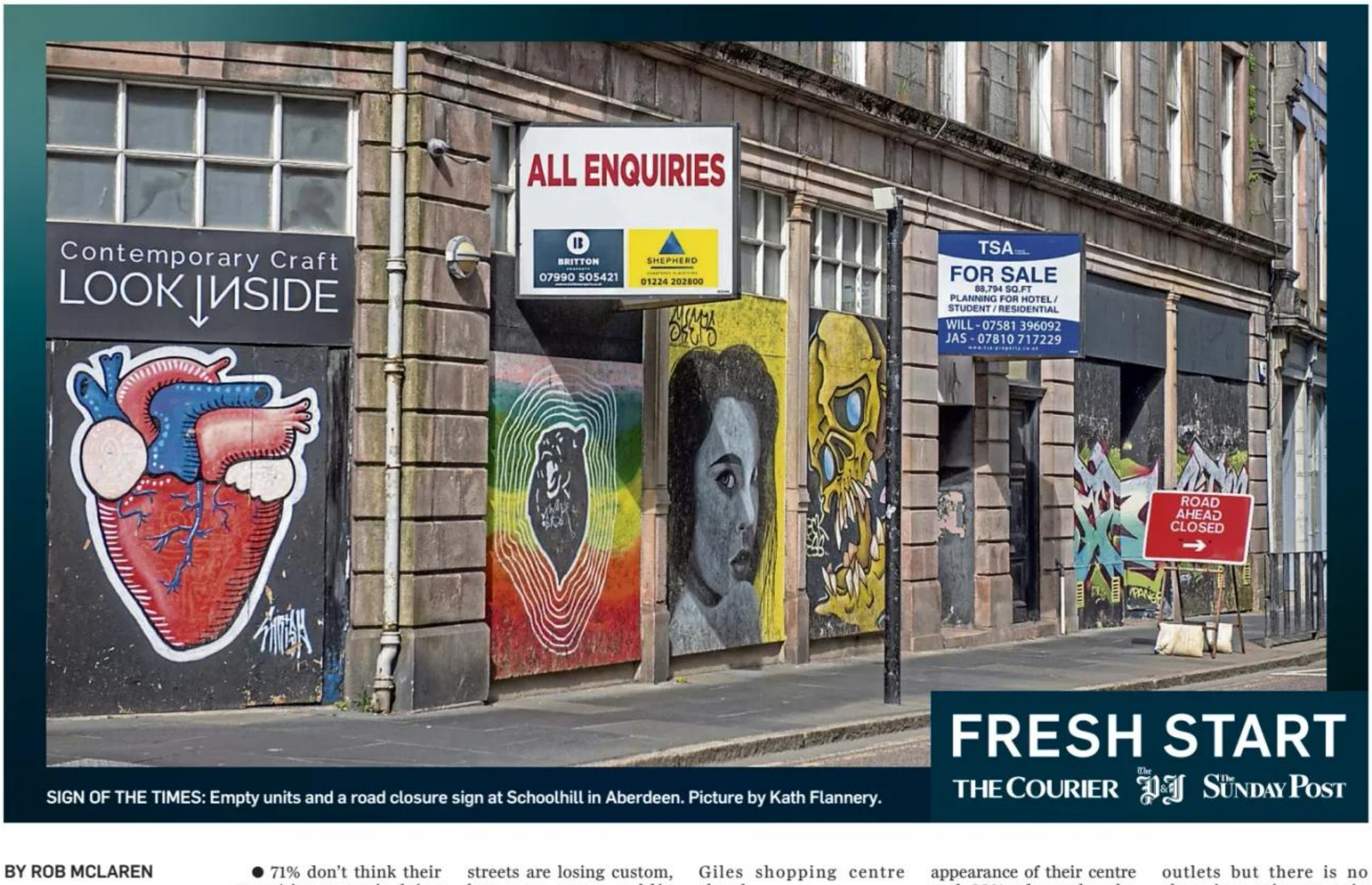
"It's pretty special having my guys around and being able to experience something like this here in Scotland, so I hope you all enjoy it too."

The trip was to mark the 10th anniversary of the team's 2016 championship victory – the biggest series comeback in NBA Finals history.

James was joined by Kevin Love, JR Smith, Richard Jefferson, Tristan Thompson and Channing Frye.

LeBron James.

Cheaper parking, better



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Empty units and a road closure sign at Schoolhill in Aberdeen. Picture by Kath Flannery.

BY ROB MCLAREN

Press and Journal readers from across the north and north-east have revealed the problems and potential solutions to bring life back to our town and city centres.

Almost 1,000 readers responded to our in-depth survey to identify the issues in our high streets.

The responses paint a picture of changing shopping habits – and the challenges facing business owners.

It comes as The P&J is campaigning to enhance the Fresh Start business rates relief for companies moving into vacant units.

Key findings of The P&J Fresh Start local economy survey found:

- 38% visit their town/city centre less often than they did a year ago
- The majority of readers spend less money in their centre than they did two to three years ago
- 71% don't think their town/city centre is doing well
- Businesses highlighted rising costs, reduced footfall, vacant units and parking issues as their main concerns
- Solutions include better shops, fewer vacant units, better cleanliness and lower parking costs.

More than two-thirds of P&J readers who responded to the survey still visit their town or city centre at least once a week, but the frequency of visits is reducing.

Some 38% of people said they go into their town or city centre less frequently than a year ago.

Convenience, cost and travel friction in terms of parking and, in Aberdeen, bus gates were highlighted as reasons for this shift.

Spending has shifted from the city centre to retail parks and shopping online.

An Inverness reader said: "It's no surprise that high streets are losing custom, between poor public transport, fewer places to park and pricey parking.

"Compare that to free parking in the retail parks where you can probably get the bulk of your shopping without having to go elsewhere."

A reader who wants the Aberdeen bus gates scrapped said: "Cost of fuel, parking and condition of roads are prohibitive to going to shops now."

Another said: "It is impossible to drop in quickly, get an item in Aberdeen and get out. Anything small or that I don't require examining, I get online."

The majority of P&J readers think their town or city centre is struggling (36%) or in decline (35%), 23% of people thought it was holding up, with just 7% saying it was thriving.

An Elgin reader said there was a "ghostly feeling" in the town's High Street since the St Giles shopping centre closed.

"It never did buzz with life, but now it's even worse," they said.

A resident near Wick added: "There are very few shops left and huge potholes the council doesn't fix, weeds growing out of pavements and gutterings. It's too depressing to visit unless absolutely necessary."

Several Aberdeen readers highlighted the Union Street roadworks – now in place for more than a year.

One said: "Aberdeen used to be an interesting city to visit. Now it's a shambles and Union Street is in chaos.

"It's so difficult to move around the city without incurring a fine. Hardly a welcoming place to visit."

Vacant units, which is the focus of The Press and Journal's Fresh Start campaign, were also a key concern – 94% of respondents said they negatively affected the appearance of their centre and 88% of people who answered the survey said vacant units are more noticeable than they were a year ago.

The P&J, along with sister titles The Courier and The Sunday Post, is campaigning for rates relief to be offered for a year to any business taking on empty premises.

One P&J reader said: "If a centre looks vibrant and thriving, you're more likely to stick around – to browse, have a coffee or food – rather than visits being task-based."

Despite the gloomy survey results, Press and Journal readers were not short of ideas for improvements.

More variety of shops, fewer vacant premises, lower parking and improved cleanliness were the top results.

One reader said: "Get some shops which cater for the public... we have an abundance of vape and nail outlets but there is no shopping enjoyment in Aberdeen anymore."

A fellow Aberdonian added: "Open up the centre so it's more vehicle-friendly to attract people in, and not make people scared to come to Aberdeen out of fear of getting fined."

A Banff P&J subscriber said: "We need basic maintenance. Clear the drains, weed the streets, replace broken street lights, maintain our beautiful but neglected council-owned buildings and bring back workers to the Town House to increase footfall."

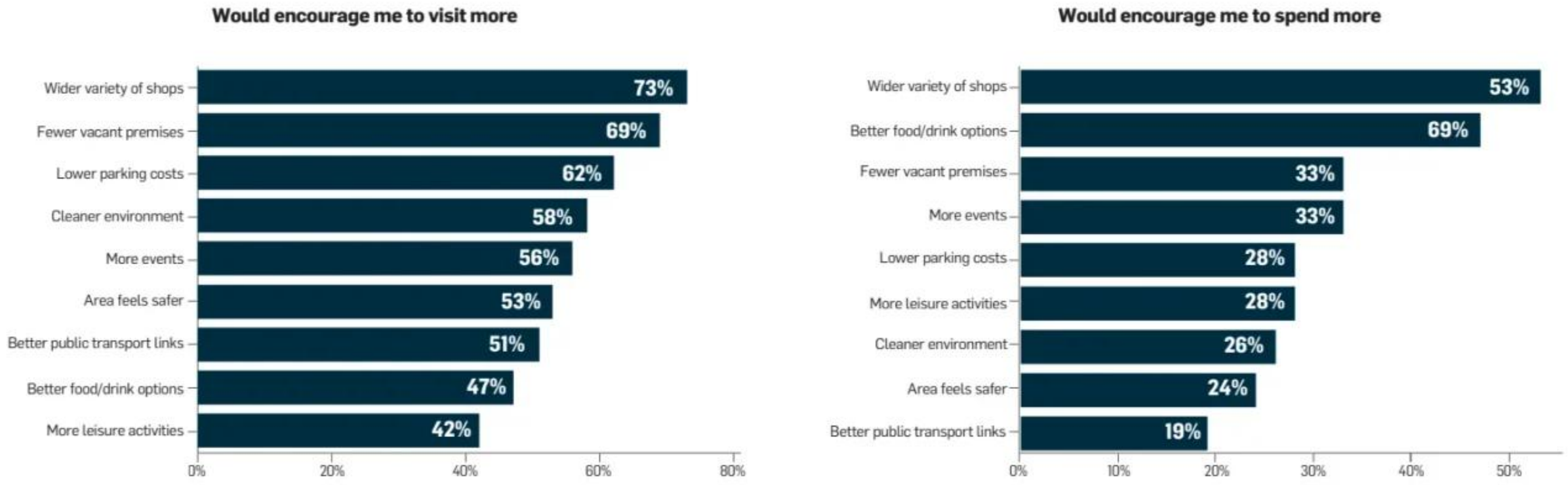
Costs, economic conditions and reduced footfall are the top three challenges of business owners who filled out the survey.

One said: "Reduce the tax burden. We want to grow more quickly and employ more people, but the costs of doing business are not insubstantial and taxation is the biggest burden of them all."

shops, get roads on track

What would make you visit your town or city centre more often?

Chart shows the percentage of those in the P&J area who responded to the Fresh Start survey and agreed with each option below

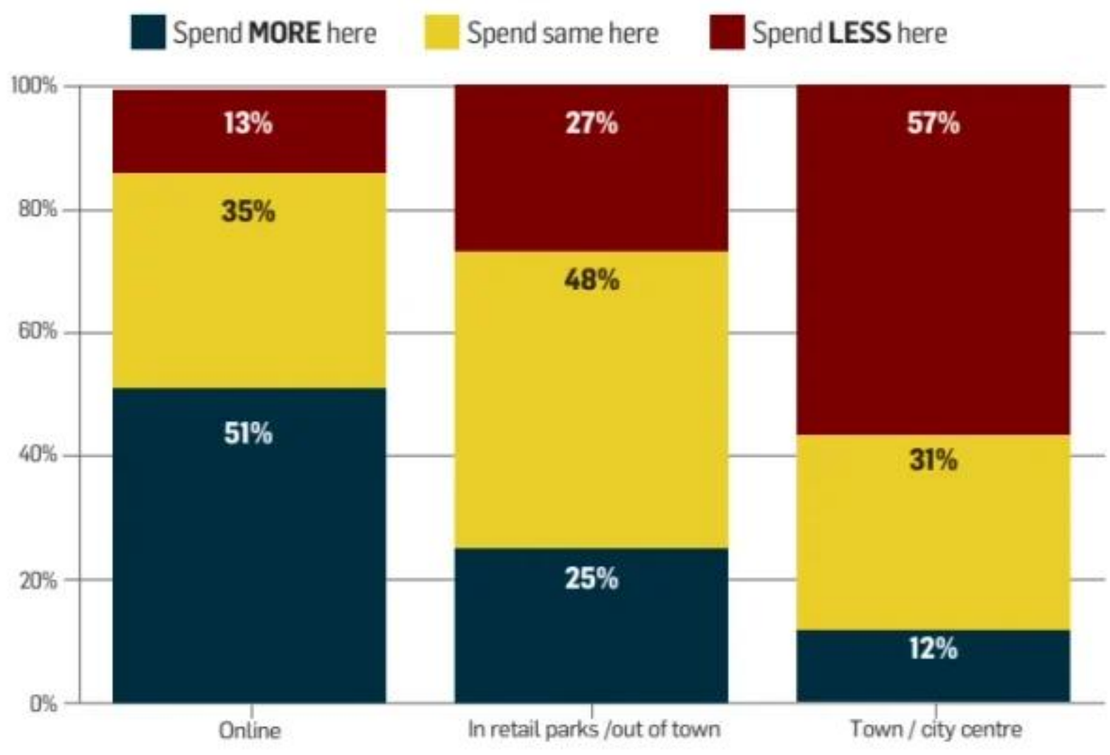


Source: DC Thomson Fresh Start Survey July 2026; respondents in P&J area Q: If the following changes were made to the town/city centre you visit most often, what impact would this have on how often you visit and the amount you spend there? Number of respondents between 571-684• Note: does not include those who said 'not applicable to me.'

The bus gates scheme in Aberdeen has proved unpopular with P&J readers.

Compared to 2–3 years ago, how has your spending changed in each of these locations

Chart shows responses from P&J readers when asked how their spending has changed in each of the specified locations



Source: DC Thomson Fresh Start Survey July 2026; respondents in P&J area Q: Compared to 2–3 years ago, how has your spending changed in each of these locations? Number of respondents = 736• Note: does not include those who said 'not applicable to me.'

Two-thirds of business respondents believe that neither new nor existing businesses are well supported.

The majority of businesses noted a decline in footfall in the last year.

An Aberdonian business owner said: "Support should be targeted towards independent businesses that make a street or urban centre worth visiting and that keep money in the local economy.

"Multi-national chain operators already enjoy far too many tax breaks and pass on the benefit to shareholders, and betting-phone-vape shops contribute to a negative image of the city centre that deters visits."

Another simply said: "Priority should be given to revitalising the main shopping areas – reduce parking charges and scrap bus gates."

Vacant units were highlighted as a problem – 88% of business owners felt empty units negatively affected perceptions of town and city centres.

A Peterhead operator said: "You have to reverse the abandoned feeling of the city centre – shops are disappearing and it feels deserted."

An Aberdeen businesswoman said: "Get owners of vacant properties to get their finger out and start doing something to make sure their properties are being used to their full potential."

Almost 80% of businesses backed the campaign, with more than a third saying it would have made a positive difference when they started their business – it will also make it easier for pop-ups to set up without the clock being reset on the current existing six-month eligibility period.

An Aberdeenshire operator added: "Allowing pop-ups and small businesses to take on shops on a short-term basis would help new businesses get off the ground."

The P&J campaign has received backing from First Minister John Swinney and finance chief Jenny Gilruth, with the Scottish Parliament instructing a comprehensive review of the non-domestic rates system.

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FUTURE ATTRACTION?: The former Newburgh Lifeboat Station could become a maritime heritage centre.

There's a plan to bring back the historic Ramsay Arms.

Maritime heritage idea for old lifeboat station

BY LAUREN TAYLOR

Foveran Community Council wants to bring a new attraction to Newburgh, which is already visited by thousands of people every year looking for the seal colony.

Glen Douglas has put forward plans to breathe new life into the former lifeboat station on behalf of the community group.

The building sits on the south bank of the Ythan Estuary and dates back to 1877.

It housed the lifeboat until 1965 when due to an ageing boat and crew, and no one coming forward to take the reins, it closed and the lifeboat was sold.

Since then, the building has mostly lain empty, other than sometimes being used by fishermen.

Now it could open its doors again as a maritime heritage visitor site.

The community group wants to keep the original fabric and character of the building, but plan on adding a new back door and a new fully glazed inner screen behind the storm doors.

And a new single-storey support building close by will provide facilities for staff.

When a consultation event was held on the idea on March 28, more than 100 people attended and the proposals received "overwhelming support".

PLAN TO FIX HOTEL'S LEAKY WINDOWS

Last year, Graham and Gillian Wood renovated their Queen's Road hotel.

They upgraded the bar and restaurant around their Scottish art collection – which includes the world's largest private holding of works by the late John Byrne.

Now they want to replace six windows.

Papers explain: "The frames are severely damaged, and are considered beyond economic repair. They leak following heavy rain leading to damage to internal decoration."

They want to replace them with a material that is "highly resistant" to water ingress and rot. They also want the windows to be double-glazed.

PAINT AND WORKSHOP FOR TORPHINS GARAGE

Bosses at Station Garage, on Craigour Road, want to build a new paint shop and workshop, with space for four cars.

The new building will replace some outside storage.

The council's flood risk and coast protection team has asked garage bosses for more information about how the rest of the site will be drained.

HOPES TO BRING BACK FORMER VILLAGE PUB

Developers want to carry out a "heritage-led regeneration", of a former pub by maintaining and reusing the buildings and bringing the historic asset back into use.

The Ramsay Arms is a "long-standing traditional" Scottish hotel and inn, located on Burnside Road in Fettercairn.

The B-listed hotel was built in the 18th Century.

It was famously visited by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert during their Highland travels in 1861.

However, in recent years it has opened and closed repeatedly with papers sent to the council explaining the loss of a village pub has a "disproportionate impact" on the community.

They read: "The pub is not simply a private hospitality business.

"Along with its associations with historic travel routes, it is also a social anchor, a visitor facility, a meeting place and a key part of the identity of Fettercairn."

Now, bosses at Forfar-based company Oatcake Ltd want to bring it back to use.

Papers to the council say the outbuilding at the back of the former pub has "deteriorated significantly".

Despite this, developers believe it is capable of repair and adaptation.

The works planned for the main building are described as "minor" – to improve the layouts.

It is thought 26 windows will need to be replaced, and others refurbished.

They also want to remove some newer partitions, swap the male and the accessible toilets, replace the dining room fireplace with a new woodburning stove and replace windows.

Developers also want to put up new signs – bringing it back to its roots as the Ramsay Arms.

Built heritage officers say the "principle of the proposal is welcomed and supported", particularly the clear commitment to securing the long-term viable use of the Ramsay Arms Hotel through "repair, refurbishment and sensitive adaptation".

And the proposals to save the outbuilding are "particularly welcomed".

But, they have asked for further clarification on the window replacements, and why they can't be repaired.

They want to know how much of the original fabric of the outbuilding can be saved.

And they also want to know more about the heritage impact as well as how the historic interiors could be impacted.

OWNERS WANT TO REMOVE FIREPLACES

Finally, we finish off near Laurencekirk where owners want to make their historic home a bit cosier.

Parkview dates from 1802, and still retains much of its original character and features.

Christopher Thistlewaite now wants to remove two of the cast iron fireplaces, one of which he says is damaged.

He explains the fireplaces will be filled in and the cast iron will be kept for "future reinstatement when suitable".

Mr Thistlewaite says they are a "significant cause of heat loss" – specifically in his children's rooms.

According to papers presented to the council, both the fireplaces are identical cast iron with green inlaid tiles, in an Edwardian or Victorian style.

It is argued: "Removal is requested to allow for better use of the internal space of the rooms, reduce heat loss improving the condition for the children including reduced moisture and therefore mould growth.

"Rooms are commonly damp and heat loss is substantial through the fireplace and up the chimney."

However, built heritage officers say that fireplaces are "an important element in historic interiors".

They go on to add that they "play a vital role in providing ventilation in traditional buildings".

Because of this, they say they are not supportive of the removal.

Prison warning for attacker

BY JAMIE ROSS

A Sauchen man who attacked his partner has been warned that his continued drinking will lead to him spending time behind bars.

William Kearns was given the stark warning at Aberdeen Sheriff Court when he appeared for sentencing after having pled guilty to attacking the woman following a night of alcohol.

The 40-year-old, who the court heard did not see the point of completing hours of unpaid work, was handed a lifeline by agreeing to take part in an intensive two-year programme aimed at educating men who commit crimes against their partners.

Fiscal depute Cian Gillan told the court that Kearns and his girlfriend had been in a relationship since July 2022 when, at about 9pm on May 6 this year, they got into an argument, and she went to bed.

When the woman checked on him at 2am the following morning, Kearns had "passed out".

His drinking would resume at about 10am, leading to another row.

Ms Gillan said: "A short time later, the accused began to shout at the complainer.

"During this argument, the accused then threatened the complainer that if she did not leave, he would put his hands on her.

"At this time, the accused grabbed the complainer by the ankles and dragged her off the sofa.

"This caused redness and minor scratches to the skin."

Kearns would go on to grab the woman again, by the wrist, in an attempt to force her out of the home.

Defence solicitor David Sutherland, representing Kearns, said his client's background reports were "fairly negative".

Sheriff Ian Anderson replied: "Very negative."

Mr Sutherland said his client needed to address his alcohol issues before a jail sentence became an inevitability for his offending.

"If he doesn't stop or attempt to curtail it, the only option is for him to go to prison," he said.

"Mr Kearns is at the top end of the risk assessment and, in addition to that, seems – at least – unwilling to engage."

The court had heard that unemployed Kearns had been handed a 60-hour community payback order in May for breaching bail conditions, which he had not completed.

"My position is to impose another CPO," Mr Sutherland said, adding: "And fix an early review to see if he is going to engage and if he has been engaging, and if he hasn't then what he might expect at that point in time is to go to prison.

"It has to be his choice."

Sheriff Anderson told Kearns, from a rural property in Sauchen, that he could be sent to prison for one year.

Ordering him to complete a two-year supervision programme, which will include participation in the Caledonian Men's Programme, Sheriff Anderson said: "If I was sentencing you to custody today, it would be the longest sentence I could possibly give you."

WARNING: William Kearns was told he faced jail.

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Lossiemouth Raft Race is back after seven-year wait

READY TO ROCK: The Rocker Rollers crew get set to float and paddle their musical oars to take part in the raft race.

Ruba Dub Dub Sed in a Tub team ready to make waves.

A team show off raft decked out to stay afloat in the race.

Visitors gathered for the Lossiemouth Raft Race held at Lossiemouth East Beach yesterday.

The popular Lossiemouth Raft Race was back after a seven-year wait.

Organised by Elgin Round Table, the event involved funfair rides courtesy of Hercher's, and food and drink stalls.

Photographer Brian Smith from Jasperimage captured the action.

Spectators gather at Lossiemouth East Beach at the event held by Elgin Round Table.

Best fancy dress ideas on show for teams at the race.

Smiles all round from pirate friends at the popular event.

EXPANSION: Jen McHugh and Monica Walker are ready for their next move with GOH.

Friends plan to grow £2m business idea

BY KELLY WILSON

Two friends who decided to strike out on their own have built a £2m business and are now preparing for their next phase of growth.

Monica Walker and Jen McHugh founded Granite Occupational Health (GOH) after becoming frustrated with changes at their former employer.

What started as an idea over lunch has now grown to a business with 27 employees and clinics in Westhill, Inverness and Falkirk.

The duo, who founded the firm in 2017, are now planning to increase their workforce to 30 before the end of the year.

GOH provides services including medicals, assessments and consultations, and screening and surveillance to employers.

Monica said: "My plan was to just buy some kit and do basic health surveillance on my own.

"I sold that to Jen one day over lunch. And then within my next 30-minute drive to my mum's, Jen had a business plan written.

"We set up the business because we didn't like where we were working.

"The original company was great but it got bought over and things changed.

"So we decided that the only way to fix that was to do it the way we liked and do it ourselves."

The rapid growth has far exceeded the pair's original expectations when they launched the company.

Jen said: "We thought that our first couple of years would just be the two of us, with maybe a part-time doctor, and a bit of admin support.

"But within six months, we had hired a nurse, a doctor and a full-time administrator. And it's just gone from strength to strength."

The business is looking to hire another three before the end of the year.

The expansion has prompted the need for larger premises, with GOH likely to begin its anniversary year in new headquarters.

Monica said: "We've outgrown the building we're in. We've taken over a full wing of one of the floors and it's not enough. And there's nowhere really to expand within here.

"It would lead us to being disjointed with different people in different wings and we don't want to work that way."

While the energy industry remains an important part of its customer base, the founders have deliberately sought to avoid becoming too reliant on oil and gas.

Monica said: "We deliberately try not to focus on oil and gas because when there's a dip in oil and gas, there's a dip in everything.

"We've got clients in the construction industry, hotels, food and drink, hairdressers and solicitors.

"Anybody who employs people has the potential to need occupational health.

"So there's no role, there's no sector that we wouldn't work with."

Jen added: "It is an unsettled time for every city in the UK.

"I think just being able to continue to do what we do and provide jobs for the amazing team that we have is our plan."

Man to appear in court following a 'disturbance' at flat in Mastrick

A 38-year-old man is due to appear in court following a "disturbance" at an Aberdeen flat.

Police were called to Invercauld Road in the Mastrick area around 2am on Saturday August 15.

They had been made aware of a van crashing into vehicles on the street before leaving the scene.

After searching the area, officers attended a flat on Invercauld Road where a man was causing a "disturbance".

A cordon was put in place around the block of flats for about 10 hours, with police negotiators also brought in to assist.

Some residents were evacuated from their homes while officers dealt with the incident.

In the aftermath, items of furniture and litter were seen strewn across the street and garden.

A 38-year-old man has now been arrested and charged in connection.

He is due to appear at Aberdeen Sheriff Court on Monday.

Police in attendance outside the Invercauld Road flat.

Inspector Hollie Murray said: "Around 2am on Saturday August 15, we received a report of a crash on Invercauld Road, Aberdeen, where a van had struck other vehicles then made off.

"Officers searched the area and attended a flat on Invercauld Road.

"Due to a man causing a disturbance in a property, specialist officers, including negotiators, attended to assist.

"Neighbouring properties in the block were evacuated as a precaution.

"A 38-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection. There were no reports of anyone injured and neighbours returned to their homes.

"We thank the local community for their patience and assistance with this incident."

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Hundreds enjoy Nairn's

Hundreds gathered for the 149th Nairn Highland Games held on Saturday at the Nairn Links.

The annual Nairn Highland Games, a highlight of the summer calendar, brings together the community for tradition, culture and family fun.

The games featured piping competitions, Highland dancing, heavy events, tug of war, and track and field events.

There was something for all ages, competitors, and plenty of entertainment for families and spectators.

Press and Journal photographer Maria Strang was there to capture the highlights.

POPULAR: Dancing competitions were held at the Nairn Highland Games.

Men's heavy event – clearing the bar.

The senior men's long-jump competition.

Julie with Harris the dummy and Ally with brothers Fin and Arthur Chapman, aged five and six.

March of the pipe bands.

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traditional Highland fun

A competitor clears the bar in the senior men's section of the high-jump contest.

Cass and Ruaridh sporting medals and ready to race.

Mirren Silver, 14, won the William M Macdonald challenge cup and Nairn Games piping under-15 Strathspey quaich.

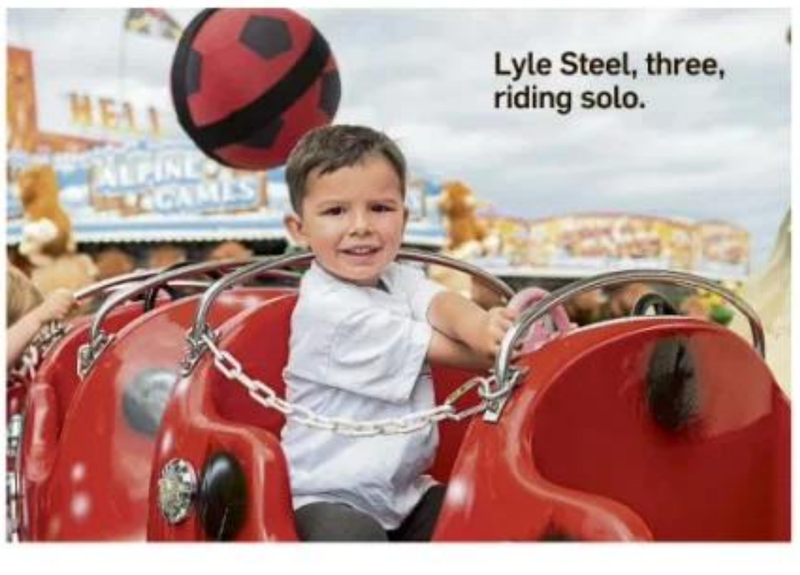
Fin and Arthur Chapman watching the action.

A competitor takes her turn in the shot putt.

Sarah Moore and daughter Eva, three.

Billy the dog enjoys posing for the camera.

Ready to run are Kerry, Donna, Keith and Megan.



Lyle Steel, three, riding solo.

'Everyone has some level of natural ability as a coffee taster'

Ben Forman landed his dream job as a sensory specialist for Nescafé. Now he trains his colleagues to become coffee experts too. Here he shares his insights

TASTE ACE: Ben loves his job

"I've almost certainly tasted 100 cups of coffee in a day," says Ben Forman, a sensory specialist for Nescafé coffee. "We only taste a spoonful at a time, and like wine tasting we don't swallow it, but it's still quite a lot of coffee in one day!"

Ben is based at Nestlé's Global Coffee Centre of Excellence at the company's Tutbury factory in Derbyshire, not far from where he grew up. Nescafé instant coffee has been made here since 1959, and today that comprises a huge range: classics such as Nescafé Original and Gold Blend, and newer products like Nescafé Azera and Dolce Gusto pods.

Nescafé's frothy coffee range, meanwhile, is made at the company's Dalston factory in Cumbria using coffee from Tutbury.

Tutbury produces 170,000 jars of coffee every day

The numbers involved are staggering. Tutbury produces 170,000 jars of coffee every day, and is set to make a staggering 1.2 billion coffee pods this year. What's more, the coffee that emerges from this green and pleasant part of England doesn't just fill supermarket shelves in the UK, but is exported to a mind-blowing 92 markets worldwide.

Like many Nestlé employees, Ben has been with the company a long time and worked his way up through the ranks. Starting out on the Dolce Gusto packing line fresh out of university in 2006, he says it's "serendipity" that he landed his dream role as a sensory specialist. "I didn't really know much about coffee tasting when I started," he admits, "so it was a bit of a baptism of fire."

Tasting is a vital part of Nescafé's production process, and takes place at every stage – starting with the raw product, known as "green coffee", which arrives at Tutbury every day by the truckful.

Before it can leave the factory, every product needs to pass a sensory panel made up of at least four people. Ben explains that while coffee tasting is "inherently subjective", part of his job is to "turn it into as much of a science as possible".

One way this is done is by arranging coffee tastings so that they step up in intensity. "Robusta is one of our more intense coffees, so we work up to that one," Ben explains. "After that, we test anything with milk, because once you taste milk it sort of puts a blanket over everything and you struggle to pick out the nuances of coffee flavour."

Now, one of his favourite parts of the job is training other members of the Nescafé team to become coffee tasters too. "Everyone has some level of natural ability, and with training and experience you can stretch it and improve – that's the message I try to give to people," he says.

1.2bn coffee pods will be made at Tutbury this year

In fact, all staff across the business are encouraged to get involved, from office-based managers to packers on the factory floor. "We want it to be a shared responsibility," Ben says. "We want everyone to understand how the coffee they're making tastes."

Exported to 92 markets worldwide

Team spirit: All staff are encouraged to become tasters

While Ben admits that he "felt a lot of imposter syndrome to start off with", six years in, he's proud of how far he's come.

"One of the most important things is learning to trust your instincts," he says. "When you're tasting coffee, first impressions count for a lot, so a big part of the process is becoming confident enough to go with your gut and not second-guess yourself."

Find out more about Nestlé in the UK at nestle.co.uk/britain

Nestlé

Woman assaulted boy on bus

BY JOANNE WARNOCK

An Aberdeen woman who sexually assaulted a 12-year-old boy on a bus full of schoolchildren has been jailed.

Anna Hedges, 46, was filmed grabbing the boy's crotch and bottom during the incident, which has had a "profound" effect on her victim.

Aberdeen Sheriff Court was told Hedges also punched the boy in the stomach and whispered to him that she had a knife.

Sheriff Lesley Johnstone said Hedges has shown "limited" remorse for her actions and jailed her for 28 months.

Video footage of the incident, which had been shared widely between the boy's peer group at the time, was played to the court.

The footage showed Hedges grabbing at the boy, who is standing on one of the bus seats, and a large number of other schoolchildren standing around while shouting and jeering.

Hedges could be seen grabbing at the boy's crotch area and bottom before the footage cuts away.

Fiscal depute David Rogers explained that all the children were travelling on the number 19 bus on the afternoon of November 11 2024.

He said: "The complainer was a 12-year-old pupil at the time of the offence. He did not know the accused.

"There had been no interaction prior to the incident between them.

"Without warning, the accused immediately grabbed the complainer by his school tie and pulled him by it towards her.

"The accused made remarks about having a mental disability and having a hole drilled into her head."

Mr Rogers went on to explain the boy was punched in the stomach before being sexually assaulted. At the same time Hedges whispered to the child that she had a knife.

The court heard the boy was scared and "extremely alarmed" and pleaded with Hedges to leave him alone.

Defence agent Gregor Kelly said his client, who admitted one charge of sexual assault, one of assault and one of behaving in a threatening manner towards the child, had not set out that day "intending to offend".

Mr Kelly explained that Hedges has a brain injury and usually avoids buses full of people. He described her behaviour as a "spontaneous loss of control". Sheriff Johnstone commented that Hedges had shown a "limited" level of remorse or insight into her actions.

She spoke of Hedges' lack of a criminal record and the sentencing guidelines which favour a non-custodial disposal in those cases. However, Sheriff Johnstone said that, in Hedges' case, there was no alternative but to impose a custodial sentence.

She said: "I have read the victim impact statement.

"He has suffered profound psychological harm as a result of the assault being carried out in front of his peers, and being widely filmed on phones."

Hedges, of Binghill Road West, Aberdeen, appeared shocked as she was handed the 28-month jail term and placed on the sex offenders register.

JAILED: Anna Hedges, 46, was sentenced in Aberdeen.

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Rosebank decision 'life or death' for industry

PROTEST: Stop Climate Chaos Scotland opposes Jackdaw and Rosebank, but the Conservatives say blocking them will end our oil and gas sector.

BY RACHEL KEENAN

Andy Burnham's decision on whether to approve the controversial Jackdaw and Rosebank oil and gas fields could be the difference between "life and death" for the North Sea industry, the Scottish Conservatives have said.

A public consultation on Rosebank – the largest untapped oilfield in the North Sea, 80 miles north-west of Shetland – closes today.

A similar exercise for the planned Jackdaw gas field, about 150 miles east of Aberdeen, finished on August 10.

Production at both fields had been approved by the previous Conservative government, but those decisions were quashed after a legal challenge by Greenpeace, leaving Labour ministers to decide whether drilling should go ahead.

Conservative energy minister and shadow Scottish secretary Andrew Bowie said: "Labour's decision on both Jackdaw and Rosebank could be the difference between life and death for an industry that has supported the UK for generations.

"The absurd North Sea energy policy of both Westminster and Holyrood governments risks bringing a premature end to our oil and gas sector as we know it.

"I am absolutely positive that the results of both consultations will send a clear message to Andy Burnham to stop the small talk and get Britain drilling again."

Industry body Offshore Energies UK (OEUK) has said Rosebank and Jackdaw would support a peak of more than 3,500 jobs during construction, and 880 jobs externally during their lifespans.

Mr Bowie said: "These oil and gas fields, which the Conservatives have supported from the very beginning, will help shape the lives of thousands of North Sea workers for years to come.

"BP's decision to end its North Sea operations must be the catalyst for Labour to get Jackdaw and Rosebank up and running as a matter of urgency.

"Anything other than approving these fields will threaten our energy security, cost thousands of jobs, and move our world-leading oil and gas industry one step closer to extinction."

Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) – a campaign group of more than 70 organisations with around a million supporters – says the new prime minister must block the developments.

A letter from the group warned Mr Burnham and Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh that the "consequences of climate change are already being felt through more extreme heat, drought, wildfires and growing risks to food insecurity".

The letter claimed approving such projects is "not compatible with climate goals".

The OEUK has said it recognises the threat of climate change, but says the UK needs "realism" in its energy policy.

David Whitehouse, who leads OEUK, said: "Unprecedented heatwaves are reminding us that climate change is not a future threat but a present reality. The UK needs both urgency and realism in its energy policy. That means accelerating renewable energy and also being honest about today's energy system.

"The reality is that oil and gas still provide around 75% of the UK's energy, keeping our cars moving, planes flying, homes warm and industries running.

"If we do not produce this oil and gas here with lower emissions under one of the most tightly regulated regimes in the world, we do not end demand. It just means more imported oil and gas – often with a higher carbon footprint, while more jobs, taxes and industrial value are shifted overseas. The government must be honest about this."

A DESNZ spokesperson said: "The North Sea remains a vital national asset, supporting jobs, growth and the UK's energy security.

"We are clear that oil and gas will continue to play an important role in our energy system for decades to come, alongside transitioning to clean power to protect jobs and tackle the climate crisis."

'Scottish Labour must stop sniping, says MSP

Scottish Labour must "rediscover our soul" and reconnect with the country, one of the party's leadership contenders has said.

Michael Marra said the party must "clean up" its internal culture and "move beyond articulating what we are against and campaign on what we are for".

The North East MSP is vying to replace Anas Sarwar after he stood down as Scottish Labour leader.

He faces competition from new MSP Joe Fagan, while Monica Lennon hopes to be on the ballot but is yet to win enough support.

Ahead of the nominations period closing today, Mr Marra said: "Across the UK in May, we lost to political insurgents railing against a Labour leadership that had lost contact with the country.

"But in Scotland we lost to a feckless, incompetent and corrupt SNP whose two-decade record has seen every Scottish institution weakened and the opportunities of our population recede.

"We cannot spend the next five years doing more of what we did these last five, 10, 15 years, repeating the same mistakes, sniping and complaining.

"We need to clean up our internal culture and move beyond articulating what we are against, and campaign on what we are for.

"We must rediscover our soul."

Michael Marra MSP.

POTENTIAL: One dose for treating the disease spread by mosquitoes.

Milestone in malaria treatment

BY NICK FORBES

Scientists have hailed a new antimalarial compound as "an exciting step forward" in the worldwide fight against the disease.

The compound was discovered by researchers at the University of Dundee, who said it has the potential to simplify dosing regimens for the treatment and prevention of the illness.

Malaria is a life-threatening disease spread to humans by some types of mosquitoes, and is mostly found in tropical countries.

In 2024, there were an estimated 282 million cases of malaria and 610,000 deaths from the disease worldwide – figures which have been rising in part due to growing resistance to medicines used in malaria control.

The new compound, which is named cabamiquine, is described as a "novel drug-like molecule" that can be delivered in a single dose. An early-stage clinical trial showed that when administered together with a commonly used antimalarial drug called pyronaridine, it is both effective and has a favourable safety profile in adults and adolescents.

Dr Beatriz Baragana, a member of the Dundee University team that discovered cabamiquine, said: "This is an exciting step forward for a compound which has great potential to simplify dosing regimens for malaria, a disease which causes hundreds of thousands of deaths every year.

"All of the initial work that resulted in the discovery of cabamiquine was performed here in Dundee, with support and funding from Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)."

Professor Ian Gilbert is head of the University of Dundee's drug discovery unit, which made the breakthrough.

He said:"The benefits of this compound are not only that it looks to be effective, but it can be delivered in a single dose, which is an important factor when you are treating a disease in areas where delivery of healthcare can be challenging."

Paul Willis, vice-president of drug discovery and preclinical safety at MMV, said: "Novel treatment and prevention regimens are urgently needed with simplified dosing to enable effective case management and to support long-term malaria control and elimination goals."

The results of the study have been published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal.

The trial was conducted by Merck, as part of the PAMAfrica consortium, and co-funded by the EDCTP2 Programme, supported by the European Union and the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency.

Increase in actor and writer vacancies

Professions showing the biggest increase in job vacancies in recent weeks include authors, writers, translators and actors, according to a new report.

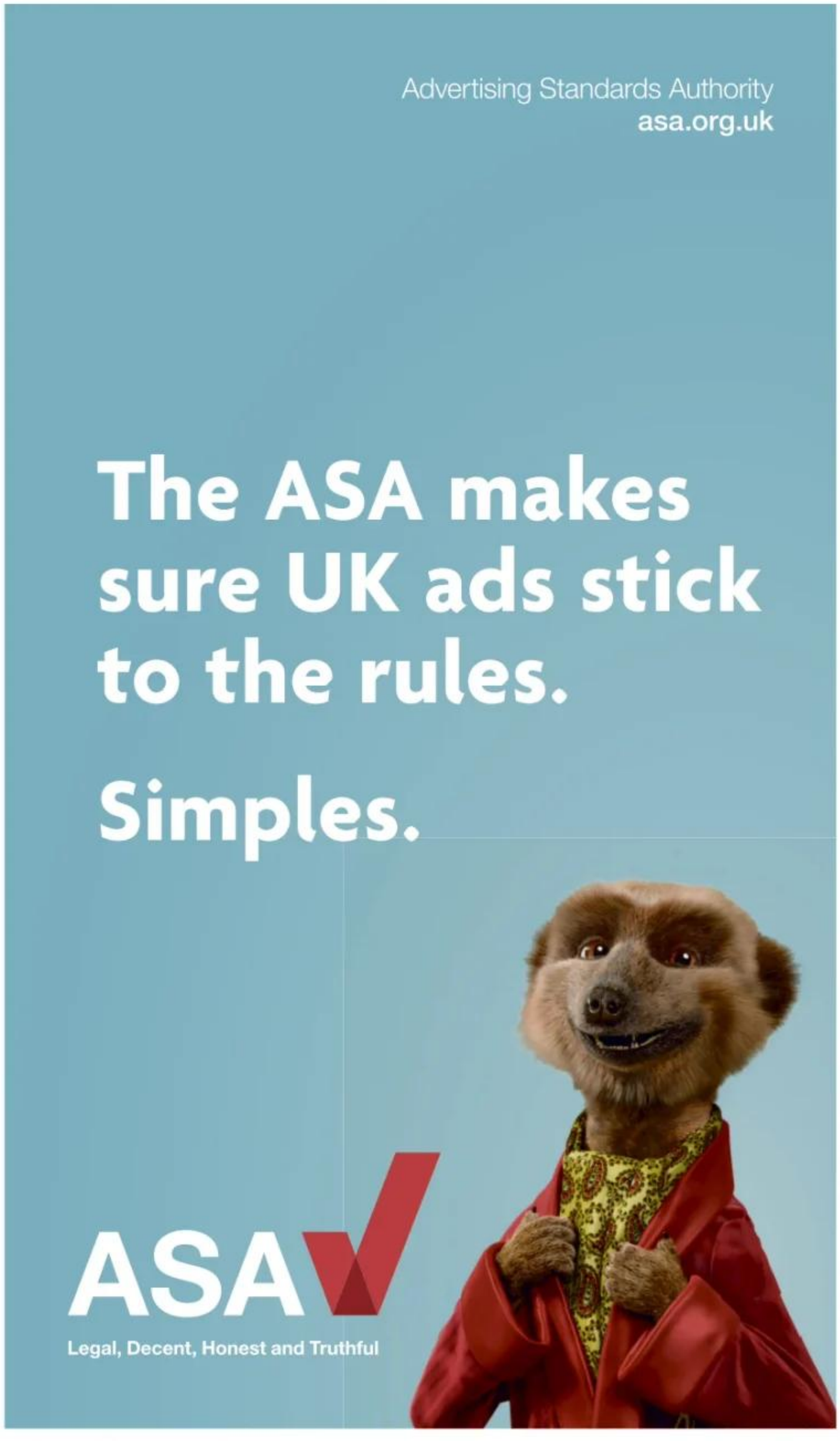
In contrast, there was a fall in job adverts for secondary school teachers and undertakers, the Recruitment & Employment Confederation (REC) said.

Areas of the country with the biggest increase in job adverts included Milton Keynes, Westminster, Solihull and the Orkney Islands.

There were a total of 1,669,203 job adverts in the UK last month, a 7.7% increase from July last year, thanks to a big rise in hospitality and tourism jobs, recruiters said.

Maxine Bligh, REC's chief membership and innovation officer, said: "Warm weather and sporting, music and cultural events has helped boost demand for workers.

"Now the challenge is to carry this hiring momentum into the rest of the year and across more sectors. As attention turns to tax and spend ahead of the October budget, businesses are already factoring in anticipated costs for providing guaranteed hours."



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LONG WAY TO GO: Andy Burnham during a visit to Colwyn Farm in Cornwall.

Burnham in pledge to farmers as drought hits

BY SAM HALL

Andy Burnham said the government has a "long way to go to build back trust" with farmers, and that the UK needs to "guarantee our own food production going forward".

It comes as the prime minister unveiled a £65 million funding package for farmers, amid fears hot, dry weather could drive up food prices on supermarket shelves.

Food producers have been facing a multitude of challenges in recent weeks as large areas of the country experience a series of heatwaves, little rainfall and drought.

Many have been forced to harvest crops early, while others are seeing lower yields and lower-quality produce, following the driest July on record.

Sir Keir Starmer's government faced months of sustained mass protests by farmers, including tractors being driven down Whitehall in opposition to new inheritance tax laws.

His government had planned to impose inheritance tax on farmers' business assets after the first £1m, but raised the tax-free threshold to £2.5m in a U-turn just before Christmas.

Mr Burnham visited a family-run potato farm near Truro, Cornwall, on Saturday that has been affected by the drought and met National Farmers' Union (NFU) president Tom Bradshaw.

Speaking at Colwyn Farm, Mr Burnham said: "I realise we've got a long way to go to build back trust with the farming community. I think it's probably been the hardest summer for British farming in a generation."

He added: "I see food and farming as part of national resilience, national infrastructure.

"We need to be able to guarantee our own food production going forward."

Mr Burnham said the £65m funding package was "new money coming from Defra budgets".

Speaking at a meeting with the family who runs FG Pryor & Son Ltd farm, Mr Burnham said the measures announced were "hopefully a sign of intent and an indication to the industry that we want a new conversation".

The prime minister told the farming family "let's be honest, we know we've got to win back some trust", and said he was "praying for rain with you".

Of the £65m, the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) – which sees farmers receive payments to support nature – will receive an extra £50m for this year's pot.

Farmers will also get £15m in support for building on-farm reservoirs to provide supplies during future dry summers.

The package will aim to support farmers who need to get water to crops, keep livestock fed where grass has failed and are struggling to continue environmental work without losing money.

As part of the package, farmers will see more flexibility in environmental schemes, such as the SFI.

This means those who are paid to look after wildlife habitat on parts of their land, and are normally barred from grazing or cutting it until later in the year, will now be allowed to do so where grass is scarce without losing payments.

Mr Burnham said: "With the parched nature of the fields, it's really important that they can use all of the available land to graze cattle and livestock."

NFU president Mr Bradshaw said the measures were a "really welcome start", however, he added that "it doesn't affect the crisis today".

Mr Bradshaw said "many farms are on edge because of a disastrous harvest".

The NFU president added: "Fields that should be green are now brown. They're feeding their winter rations out in the field now, and they're also exposed to disease.

"The money going into the environmental schemes will help with building that environmental resilience.

"It doesn't help today, and today is where many of our members are facing probably the most extreme challenge that many have ever faced within their farms. The worst drought in 50 years.

"We have to work together with the government to try to make sure all of those farms are still in business in 12 months, so we can plan strategically for the future."

Flynn – Sturgeon SNP book foreword 'mistake'

Stephen Flynn has said he thinks Nicola Sturgeon "made a mistake" publishing comments on the SNP in the foreword of her book.

At the Edinburgh Fringe event the Political Party, the former Westminster leader was asked about the comments in the paperback edition of Ms Sturgeon's memoir, Frankly.

Ms Sturgeon said the SNP's Holyrood election campaign had "a lack of vision or big-picture thinking".

He said the comments were: "A little bit frustrating because you're trying to get on and deliver, and there's a distraction being created."

He added he agrees former first ministers should add to the debate on political issues but Ms Sturgeon's recent comments were a "mistake".

He said: "Given what they experienced in their position as first minister, it's vital that they partake in that ongoing set of debates about what society looks like and how we deliver that positive future in politics.

"But I think when you're doing that, you do it in a constructive fashion.

"I've made mistakes at points over the course of the last couple of years in the way that I've approached things and I've reflected on that, and I think we all do certain things... I think Nicola made a mistake in this context as well."

Stephen Flynn.

Reform plans benefits ban for all foreigners

BY DAVID HUGHES

Foreign nationals would be banned from claiming almost all kinds of benefits in the UK under a Reform UK government, with the party describing the current situation as "immoral".

Reform said the measure would form part of a wider plan to save more than £50 billion a year from the welfare bill.

The ban would cover European Union nationals with settled status in the UK, something that would require Nigel Farage's party to renegotiate the Brexit deal with Brussels and potentially mean British expatriates in the EU losing equivalent rights.

The proposal would save around £21 billion annually by the fifth year, Reform claimed.

The party had previously pledged to ban foreign nationals from claiming universal credit but the new proposals cover almost all welfare payments including housing benefit, pension credit, jobseeker's allowance, child benefit, free childcare and disability benefits.

Reform's Treasury spokesman, Robert Jenrick, said: "Forcing British workers to pay for the benefits of foreigners is not just economically illiterate but plain immoral.

"People are more than happy to support their neighbours in hard times but the British taxpayer cannot afford to subsidise everyone on the planet, especially those who have not paid in. The public have been crying out for this change for decades. Unlike the two old parties, Reform will deliver a system that's fair for the British people."

Mr Jenrick has already set out proposals to transform sickness and disability benefits with the aim of saving £22 billion from the welfare bill and he will make further announcements today.

The plan to strip benefits from EU nationals with settled status in the UK would require difficult negotiations with Brussels.

Reform acknowledged that Britons living in the bloc could lose their rights to benefits as a result and they have estimated a cost of £500 million for expatriates returning to the UK and claiming welfare after losing their entitlement to support.

A Labour spokesman said: "These plans would mean ripping up the UK's withdrawal agreement with the EU, plunging the UK back into years of Brexit renegotiations and stripping support from potentially millions of people who have lawfully lived, worked and paid taxes in Britain for years.

"That includes people with settled status who are part of our communities, raising families, working and contributing to our economy."

The spokesman said the "vast majority" of migrants had no access to benefits and the Labour government was already reforming the welfare system.

PROPOSALS: Reform's Treasury spokesman, Robert Jenrick.

Call for defence spending answers

Conservative leader Kemi Badenoch has called on Prime Minister Andy Burnham and Chancellor John Healey to provide "answers to serious questions" on defence spending.

Mr Healey resigned as Sir Keir Starmer's defence secretary and said he was "certain" Britain should ramp up defence spending to 3% of GDP by 2030.

New Defence Secretary Wes Streeting warned Britain could end up "paying a heavy price" and Ms Badenoch said Labour was "reluctant to make those difficult choices".

Writing in the Sunday Express, she said: "The markets, the military and the public need answers to serious questions. Chiefly, will the government commit to spending 3% of our GDP on defence by 2030 as the Conservatives have done?

"In an increasingly dangerous world, we need a government prepared to put national security first, make responsible choices about spending, and ensure our armed forces have the resources they need to keep our country safe."

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Police seizures of 'menace' e-bikes leap 83% in a year

BY NEIL LANCEFIELD AND FLORA THOMPSON

Police seizures of e-bikes soared by 83% in a year, an investigation has found, as forces crack down on dangerous models.

Some 7,049 of the machines were confiscated across the UK in the 12 months to May 19, according to data obtained by the Press Association under freedom of information laws.

That is compared with 3,858 during the previous year.

The figures prompted police, politicians and charities to call for new laws to clamp down on the dangerous vehicles which have caused deaths and serious injuries in some cases.

Sergeant Stuart Ford, who leads the cycle team at City of London Police, described illegal e-bikes as "a menace".

Labour MP for Carlisle Julie Minns, who has been campaigning for a ban on sales of illegal e-bikes and conversion kits, said they were the "perfect accessory to phone theft, mugging and drug dealing" as well as a danger to motorists and pedestrians as she called on Andy Burnham's government to brand them an "unsafe product".

During a recent e-bike crackdown in Cardiff, South Wales Police arrested four riders on suspicion of drug offences after a man in his 20s was found with 33 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin worth about £1,000.

Under UK law, legal e-bikes are known as electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs) and must meet certain safety regulations such as their electric motor having a maximum power output of 250 watts and cutting out when a speed of 15.5mph is reached.

Many illegal e-bikes confiscated by police have been modified to travel much faster, with some exceeding 70mph.

CROSSED WIRES: The aftermath of an e-bike fire in Harefield, west London.

Non-compliant machines are effectively electric mopeds or motorbikes, which must be registered, taxed and insured.

While major retailers sell thousands of legal e-bikes every year, many illegal machines are bought on the internet.

Kits which add an electronic motor to a conventional bike are available online for under £300.

As well as being used for crime, illegal e-bikes are also often used for legitimate journeys such as food deliveries and commuting.

Thirty-one police forces out of 45 across the UK provided comparable data after PA's freedom of information requests.

The Metropolitan Police was the force which seized the most e-bikes in the year to May 19, with 2,367.

That was ahead of Leicestershire Police (661), Police Scotland (585) and Thames Valley Police (425).

The 11 forces which saw seizures more than double year on year were Devon and Cornwall, Dorset, Hampshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, South Yorkshire, Suffolk, Thames Valley and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Wiltshire Police said half of its seizures were recorded in Swindon, the town which Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander's constituency covers.

Last month, the Met carried out an operation to catch illegal e-bike users near Tottenham Court Road station in London's West End – a hotspot for phone theft and other street crime.

Commander Neerav Patel said Londonders were "fed-up of the criminal and antisocial use of e-bikes".

The force has started using portable rolling road devices so officers can test an e-bike's maximum speed using its motor to help them spot illegal machines.

City of London Police seized four of the machines in just half an hour last month.

Sgt Ford said some illegal e-bikes are three times heavier than a conventional bike.

"If that was to hit a small child, it can cause serious injuries," he warned.

Calling for new legislation to deal with illegal e-bike users, he added: "I would like to see specific laws around e-bikes brought in."

Pedestrian safety charity Living Streets warned "the rise in e-bike use must not come at the expense of people walking" while the Royal National Institute of Blind People said e-bikes are "heavy, fast-moving, silent vehicles" that present a danger when "ridden carelessly".

Professor Jason Arday was found dead on Friday.

Cambridge professor says university should continue Arday probe

The University of Cambridge should press ahead with its investigation into how Professor Jason Arday was appointed and his time teaching at the institution, his friend and former colleague has said.

Prof Arday, who was found dead on Friday, resigned from his post as professor of sociology of education last week after allegations of plagiarism were made against him.

Before his death, the university said it would investigate the circumstances around his "appointment and tenure", and the findings would feed into a review of the process for appointing senior roles.

It is understood the university does not feel it is right to make a decision on whether to proceed with its investigation while Prof Arday's family are grieving.

Friend and former colleague of Prof Arday, Sir Simon Baron-Cohen, told Times Radio the university should "always be reflecting on how it's operating and whether it can do better".

The Cambridge professor and director of the Autism Research Centre said: "They have announced an investigation, and we should let that proceed.

"We should see what we learn from it. This is the whole purpose of investigations.

"When you're talking about what's in the public interest, when you've got public bodies like universities or, arguably, the media, political institutions, whatever, when we have investigations, it's all about how can we improve them."

Sir Simon said the professor's mental health had been left "in tatters", adding there were questions about whether the media failed in its duty of care towards him as a vulnerable person with disabilities.

He said the professor faced racist abuse and was used as a "lightning rod for a culture war on DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion)".

"(Prof Arday) started reporting racism within weeks of him being at Cambridge," Sir Simon said.

"It included things like threats of physical assault to himself and his family, racist hate speech, and racist actions, hate actions."

Lord Simon Woolley, principal of Homerton College, Cambridge, and a former mentor of Prof Arday, told BBC Radio 4's Broadcasting House programme that his friend felt "hounded to death".

Lord Woolley said: "In a conversation I had with Jason on the Monday – we met on Monday, with a few dear friends – he said he felt hounded to death, his words, that he couldn't see a way out.

"On that day, we saw a man half his body weight and desperate beyond belief."

The crossbench peer said Prof Arday had been subjected to "the most horrendous, toxic, vicious witch hunt", and called for an investigation into the "vicious media onslaught".

A fundraiser for his family, set up by Windrush campaigner Sir Patrick Vernon, has raised £60,000-plus.

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Man caps 96-mile charity challenge with a proposal

BY DANYEL VANREENEN

WELL-EARNED REST: Benjamin Ward, partner Natasha Goldthorpe and friends.

A man rounded off a 96-mile charity challenge in honour of his partner and her late son by proposing to her at the finish line.

Benjamin Ward, 44, from Falkirk, said they were his "sole focus" as he completed the West Highland Way, a long-distance hiking trail, in 36 hours and 48 minutes.

When he crossed the finish line in Fort William last Sunday, he got down on one knee and asked partner Natasha Goldthorpe, 37, from Irvine, to marry him.

He told the Press Association: "I don't think it's quite sunk in what I managed to do, because I was so just focused on trying to do it for Natasha and Liam – that was really my sole focus in it."

Ms Goldthorpe's son Liam had a rare and progressive condition called BPAN, a disorder that damages the nervous system and gradually gets worse.

He died last October, aged 13.

In memory of Liam, Mr Ward, a manager at a tiling company in Irvine, decided to walk the 96-mile route in one continuous push to raise money for one of the charities that helped the teenager's family.

Ms Goldthorpe said: "Liam had a progressive condition, but he was always happy and smiley.

"He had a really contagious smile. He was giggly. He'd find noises really funny. He was just such a gorgeous boy."

Mr Ward said in the time he shared with Liam, he witnessed incredible strength both from the youngster and his mother.

"I got to know Natasha and I was very much blown away by the care and love and relationship between her and Liam," he said.

Last August, he took on his first West Highland Way challenge in honour of Liam, walking the trail in two-and-a-half days to raise money for Children's Hospices Across Scotland, another charity that supported the family.

At the end of that challenge, Ms Goldthorpe confessed her feelings for Mr Ward. Since then, he said the trail has felt like a special place for them both.

He said that is why proposing in Fort William a year later at the end of his latest challenge felt right.

Ms Goldthorpe said it was "great" to see him jog across the finish line and get down on one knee, but she could not stop laughing.

"It was weird because he was running and smiling, and everybody who was supporting him (for that last section) looked more miserable and more tired and more fed up than he was," she said.

One of the biggest challenges Mr Ward experienced along the way was the weather.

He said he walked about 30 miles overnight and it "didn't stop raining once".

He recalled: "It was heavy rain and the wind also picked up, so it was kind of driving rain into our face.

"The paths had turned to rivers at that point because the rain had been so constant, so all the trails were just full of water.

"My feet were just consistently soaked pretty much the whole night."

Despite the poor conditions, Mr Ward said giving up "never" crossed his mind.

"They were my inspiration for doing it, Natasha and Liam have been everything, really," he said.

"I did actually enjoy it, which is a weird thing because I didn't expect to enjoy it.

"I thought by the finish line I would be crawling."

Mr Ward's challenge has raised more than £3,000 for Together for Short Lives, a leading UK-wide charity dedicated to supporting children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families.

The charity created necklaces from Liam's fingerprint for Ms Goldthorpe and her family following his death at no cost.

Although his challenge is complete, Mr Ward's JustGiving page is still accepting donations at justgiving.com/page/benjamin-ward-1775733752801?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Danny Mavor in his all-terrain wheelchair.

Tetraplegic taking on Great Glen Way in off-road wheelchair

A tetraplegic veteran is taking on a 79-mile journey in his off-road wheelchair to prove that life goes on and can still be "extraordinary".

Danny Mavor, who served in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards in Iraq, was paralysed from the neck down after a motorcycle accident six years ago.

The 41-year-old, from Glasgow, is preparing to travel across Scotland along the Great Glen Way using a chin-controlled wheelchair next month.

The journey will take Mr Mavor from Fort William to Inverness over three days, raising funds for people living with spinal injuries through the charity Regain.

It will push him to his physical and mental limits, but he said he wants to help support other tetraplegics who are facing similarly life-changing spinal injuries.

"All my life, I've always enjoyed that feeling of a challenge," Mr Mavor told the Press Association.

"You break your neck and your previous life is kind of history – who you were, what you were, everything you identified as – there's a lot to get over."

Mr Mavor said he struggles day to day with pain that he has felt since he broke his neck.

"It intensifies when I'm doing things like this (or when) I'm talking about the past, but it also gives me a little bit of a buzz thinking about my old life," he said.

"I just know that I'm struggling anyway, so why not do the things I loved, like mountains, like a challenge, like hanging out and (enjoying) camaraderie with the boys?"

There will be at least two or three obstacles where Mr Mavor will need to use harnesses and rely on his support team to traverse steep inclines.

He added: "This chair is all-terrain, and that's great, but there's still bumps – like stones and just little cambers, things like that that are all going to make a huge difference to the start and the end of each day."

He said Regain is a charity close to his heart.

It is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals living with tetraplegia.

Mr Mavor's fundraising page can be found at justgiving.com/page/dannys-big-challenge-2026

Danny served in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

TARGETED: A grave sculpture at a cemetery as smoke rises above a Wildberries site near Podolsk in Moscow region.

Ukraine kills six in one of its largest attacks on Russia

Ukraine has launched hundreds of drones across Russia, killing at least six people in one of Kyiv's largest aerial attacks of the war.

Russia's ministry of defence said it had destroyed 822 Ukrainian drones overnight. About 600 were detected heading toward the Russian capital, mayor Sergei Sobyanin said, with a third destroyed over the Moscow region.

An 83-year-old man was killed after a Ukrainian drone hit a private home in the Moscow region, local governor Andrey Vorobyov said.

He also confirmed that a Ukrainian attack had sparked a blaze at a warehouse belonging to Russian retail giant Wildberries.

Images shared by Russian media outlets from the town of Podolsk showed columns of black smoke rising from the site.

Another drone attack targeted three towns in Russia's south-western Rostov region, killing five people, local governor Yury Slyusar said.

The Wildberries at Koledino Industrial Park near Podolsk.

The attack, with more than 150 drones, damaged several homes and a railway station and sparked a forest fire.

Ukraine has stepped up its attacks on Russia this year, with long-range missiles and swarms of drones increasingly targeting military industries and energy facilities.

It has also increasingly targeted giant Wildberries depots, burning billions of pounds of merchandise and bringing the war home to the Russian public more than four years into Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

A Russian missile attack on Ukraine's Kryvyi Rih killed two people and wounded 14 others, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky wrote on social media yesterday.

He also said that one person had been killed in the city of Sumy.

Another Russian attack on Kyiv sparked fires throughout the Ukrainian capital and injured six people.

"Wherever the Russians can reach with their ballistic missiles, they strike civilian infrastructure," Mr Zelensky said.

Russia's ministry of defence said yesterday it had targeted a metallurgical plant in Kryvyi Rih and several military-industrial sites in Kyiv, including a manufacturing facility for Ukraine's Flamingo missiles.

The domestically-produced missiles are increasingly key to Ukraine's long-range attacks on Russia, with Mr Zelensky announcing on Saturday that Kyiv had used the weapons to attack a rocket research and production centre in Samara, about 560 miles from the Ukrainian border.

Romania's ministry of national defence said yesterday that a Spanish air and space force F-18 fighter jet shot down a drone that had entered Romanian air space.

The drone's entry into the Nato member's air space was detected by surveillance systems, the ministry said, about 15 miles north of the eastern city of Galati, near the border with Moldova.

Renaissance artworks targeted by thieves in Sicilian museum heist

Thieves have stolen four works attributed to Renaissance painter Antonello da Messina from the regional museum in the Sicilian city of Messina, cultural officials and Italian media said.

The thieves bypassed alarm and security systems on Saturday evening at the MuMe museum, while crowds gathered across town for the traditional Assumption holiday celebrations.

They made off with three of the five surviving panels of the San Gregorio Polyptych, dated to 1473, as well as the double-sided panel depicting the Virgin Mary and the dead Christ in Pieta, which was removed from an armoured display case, the news agency LaPresse reported.

They removed all five panels of the San Gregorio Polyptych from their frame, but abandoned two behind a wall while fleeing.

Art expert Alberto Fiz estimated the value of the stolen works at 70 million euros (£59.7m) to 80 million euros (£68.2m).

"We are devastated by what happened. They were two of Antonello da Messina's most important and best-known works. It is a tremendous loss for the museum, the city, the community and the art world," MuMe director Marisa Mercurio told the Ansa news agency.

She said the theft occurred just before 10pm local time, the alarms were working and the guards were on site.

She described the works as central to the region's heritage.

Messina's top culture official, Enzo Caruso, called the theft "more than a loss" and "a disaster".

Ceremony of the consecration of the monument.

Europe's tallest statue of Virgin Mary inaugurated

An enormous statue of the Virgin Mary which is believed to be Europe's tallest has been inaugurated in a small Polish village, in the presence of veteran anti-communist leader Lech Walesa.

Hundreds of people took part in the consecration of the monument, which towers 182ft over Konotopie in central Poland, the home of fewer than 150 people.

While helicopters scattered miniature red roses over the crowd, priests in white robes celebrated mass and the popular Mazowsze folk ensemble sang and danced to traditional Polish music.

The statue is taller – if less dramatically located – than the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which measures 125ft including its pedestal. The Polish statue's height includes a crown-shaped 49ft pedestal.

It also surpasses another recent large-scale religious monument in Poland, the Christ the King statue in the western town of Swiebodzin, unveiled in 2010.

Readers share images

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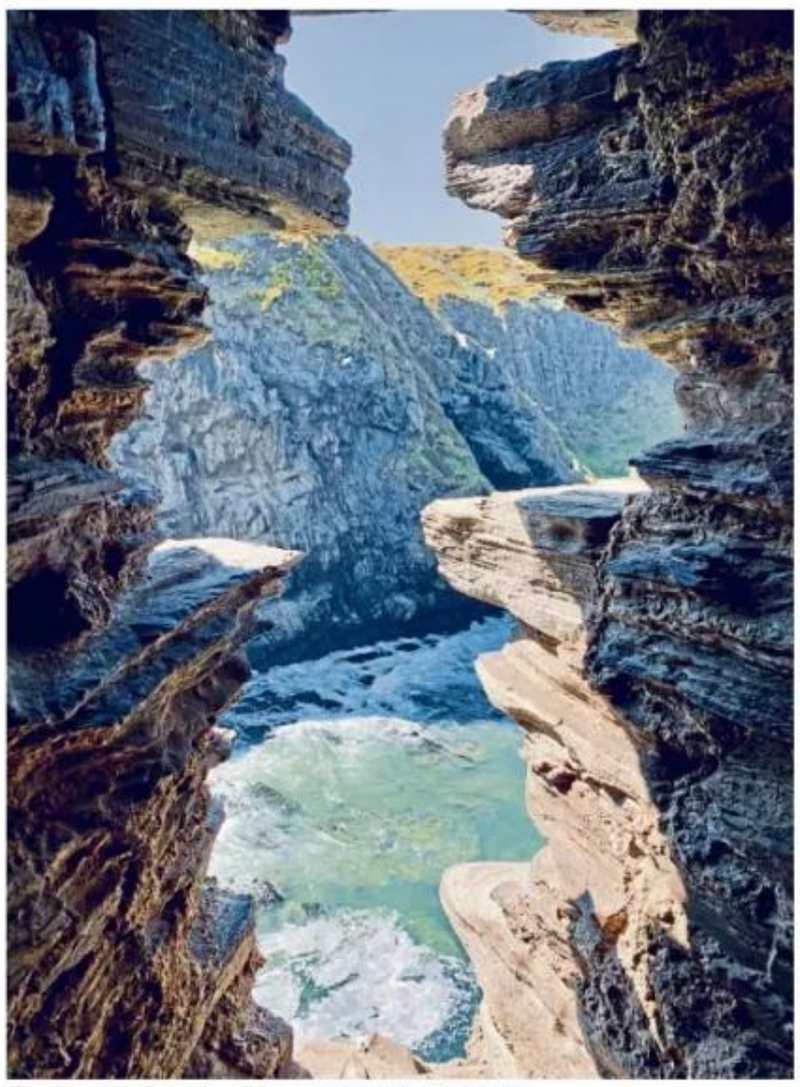
Invitations have been sent for our winners' event on August 27 at Press and Journal HQ at Marischal Square in Aberdeen, where shortlisted photographers will be recognised, prizes awarded and the winning images revealed.

Then, the doors will open to the Photographer of the Year Exhibition at the city's Bon Accord Centre from August 31 to September 4. The free exhibition is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, opposite Costa Coffee. For everyone who enjoys seeing Scotland at its most spectacular, this is an unmissable celebration of creativity, community and the beauty of our country.



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Hundreds turn out to say last farewell to singer Bonnie Tyler

TRIBUTES: Hundreds of Bonnie Tyler fans lined Newton Road in Mumbles, Swansea, to pay their respects to the late singer.

BY ELEANOR STOREY AND ZOE HEAD-THOMAS

A crowd made up of hundreds of Bonnie Tyler's friends and fans burst into a rendition of Total Eclipse Of The Heart as her coffin was driven home.

The singer, whose real name was Gaynor Hopkins, died in July at the age of 75.

The streets of Mumbles, Swansea, where Tyler lived and was well-known among locals, were packed with people who knew and loved the singer on Saturday.

As the coffin, draped in the Welsh flag and accompanied by a framed photograph of the singer, made its way down Newton Road, the tearful crowd burst into applause and song.

Among those waiting to pay their respects to Tyler was Carys Edwards, 18, who says the singer was "an inspiration to everybody".

She said: "Her music touched a lot of people, especially me.

"I'm quite surprised how many people came here today, but then not as well, because she was such an icon.

"She was always coming home and making sure that she came back to her fans in Wales.

"Her songs really did touch a lot of people here in Wales, we loved her a lot.

"When we found out she passed away, it was such a heartbreak to all of us. We cried and everything."

Ms Edwards's mother, Melanie Smith, 53, added: "Most importantly, she was a Swansea girl, and she didn't forget that."

Some fans had travelled from as far as Austria or Germany to watch the procession on Saturday but many knew Tyler from living locally.

Sarah Thomas, who lives in Swansea, described the singer as "a normal person who happened to be famous".

Tony Firkins, a friend of Tyler and her family, said: "We've known her for years. She's a fantastic lady, very generous with her time. It's such a sad thing."

Tyler was famous in Mumbles for her "fabulous" Christmas parties, attended by many locals as well as celebrities, at which she was known to perform Total Eclipse Of The Heart for her guests.

Jan Roach, a friend, said: "We know the family very well and it's been a tough time for all of us, not just friends, family, but I think the whole of Mumbles.

"She was so loved by many, many people, we're so devastated, we're still reeling from the loss of her."

Among those attending was TV producer Russell T Davies, best known for reviving Doctor Who, who said in a post on Instagram he watched the procession with his sisters.

He said: "People threw flowers. Then – I've never seen this before – after the hearse had passed by, we all followed. To stay with her."

A celebration of Tyler's life, for family and friends, will take place at Swansea Minster today, before the singer makes a final journey through her hometown of Skewen.

Tyler's death came just months after she was treated in intensive care after being placed in an induced coma following an emergency intestinal surgery.

The singer achieved international fame in the 1980s with the release of Total Eclipse Of The Heart, which shot to the top of the charts in the UK and the US.

Faster Than The Speed Of Night, the album which featured the track, was also a chart-topping success and landed the singer her only UK number one album.

Recognisable for her husky voice, Tyler released many other hits, including Holding Out For A Hero, It's A Heartache and If You Were A Woman (And I Was A Man).

She represented the UK in the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest in Malmo, Sweden, with the song Believe In Me, finishing in 19th place.

Nigella Lawson seen with Bake Off colleagues

Nigella Lawson has been pictured alongside her Great British Bake Off co-stars for the first time.

The 66-year-old TV chef is replacing Dame Prue Leith as a judge on the Channel 4 baking show after the 86-year-old announced in January she was stepping down from the show she had joined in 2017.

In a picture taken on her first day of filming in the Bake Off tent, Lawson is wearing a black zipped dress next to presenters Noel Fielding and Alison Hammond, and her fellow judge Paul Hollywood.

Filming is complete on the series, which will air from next month.

Channel 4 said fans of the show "can expect to see Nigella bringing her trademark warmth, wit and passion for flavour to the tent".

Speaking on ITV's This Morning in January about joining Bake Off, Lawson said: "I am excited, but I take it very seriously.

"The thing about Bake Off is that it's about the programme – which is an institution of national treasure status – and it's about the bakers, and I just want to be there and be a part of it."

Dame Prue said on Friday she is "alive and kicking" after being taken to hospital over fears she had suffered a stroke.

She replaced original Bake Off judge Dame Mary Berry from the 2017 series.

One of the most recognisable faces on TV, Lawson became a household name in the late 1990s with her hugely successful cookbooks and cookery shows.

The Oxford graduate worked as a journalist before becoming a food writer.

Her first cookery book, How To Eat, became a bestseller, while her follow-up, How To Be A Domestic Goddess – described as the book that "kick-started the cupcake revolution" – was also hugely successful, winning her the British Book Award for author of the year in 2001.

TV work followed, starting with the Channel 4 show Nigella Bites, before she crossed over to ITV and then the BBC.

Lawson also became popular in the US, appearing on several food-related shows, including as a guest judge on its version of MasterChef.

Paul Hollywood, Alison Hammond Nigella Lawson and Noel Fielding.

LIFESAVERS: Garreth Wood, second left, at the opening ceremony in Hebron.

Scottish charity opens surgery in West Bank

A Scottish charity has opened its first paediatric operating theatre in the West Bank.

Kids Operating Room cut the ribbon on the facility at Al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron yesterday. Medics in the West Bank have said the hospital infrastructure is struggling to cope with a rising need for paediatric surgery.

Kids Operating Room uses its hub in Dundee to assemble medical equipment for paediatric facilities in countries experiencing humanitarian crises. Kids Operating Room recently installed six theatres in Ukraine.

Charity co-founder Garreth Wood fom Aberdeen and Middle East regional director Tariq Shadid travelled to Hebron for the opening.

Can the Greens now move past north-east civil war?

BY JUSTIN BOWIE

The Scottish Green Party's north-east election fight in May was overshadowed by a bitter conflict between two of its highest-profile figures.

A split formed between allies of MSP Maggie Chapman and allies of ex-candidate Guy Ingerson with allegations of bullying, homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny.

Ms Chapman was elected as a North East MSP in 2021 and employed Mr Ingerson as her staffer.

Tensions gradually built and in June 2025 Mr Ingerson made a bullying complaint against his old boss, which was later dismissed.

The brewing civil war continued to escalate when Mr Ingerson was selected as the leading North East Green candidate for the Holyrood election.

This meant he would oust Ms Chapman as MSP.

Mr Ingerson was later suspended by the Greens due to counter-complaints against him and quit the contest in March, opening the door for Ms Chapman's re-election.

Ms Chapman was even branded an "axis" of chaos by Esme Houston, the number two North East candidate.

Mr Ingerson then left the party for good measure.

How the party is functioning locally is especially relevant given the Scottish council elections are now less than nine months away.

Those aligned to Mr Ingerson say lots of active members have followed him out of the door.

They claim the party may even struggle to field candidates in key wards.

Allies of Ms Chapman dispute this entirely and say Green successes at the Holyrood election have led to a surge in the local membership. If anything, they believe the party is now better placed to perform well next May.

One senior north-east Green Party member warned the branch was now a "shell of its former self".

The campaigner believed Mr Ingerson's departure had been a significant blow.

"Most of the dedicated grassroots activists have also left," they said.

The activist is almost certain this will harm the Greens come the local elections.

"I sincerely doubt our chances," they said. "The party's image is in the ground in the north-east."

Signs of the lingering conflict remained apparent during the Aberdeen South Westminster by-election. Number two Holyrood candidate Ms Houston, who still has an active complaint against Ms Chapman, claims she was blocked from standing after being picked by members. Another source claimed local members are "demotivated". They said the crisis escalated when Mr Ingerson was suspended. "I think a lot of that progress will come undone if the branch continues the way it's going," they told The P&J.

From left, Esme Houston, Guy Ingerson and Maggie Chapman.

But allies of Ms Chapman claim the branch is thriving. "The branch is actively meeting, and any suggestion it's not would be completely untrue," one activist told The P&J.

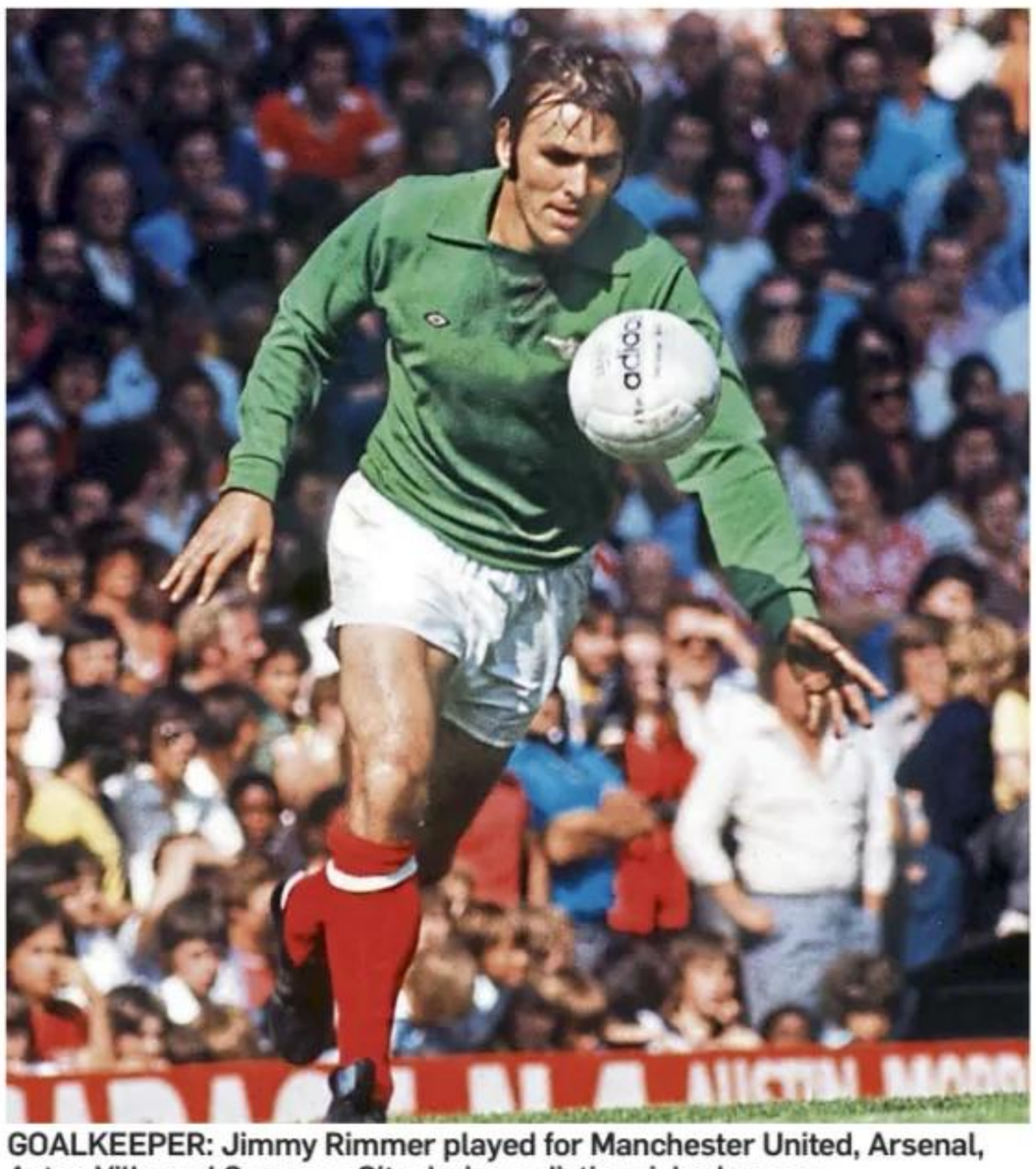
"The idea the branch has gone from being active to inactive seems to be the opposite of what's the case."

One senior north-east branch member claims many party members tried to stay out of the conflict.

"The idea of the schism was overblown," they said. "Most of us got on fine with both Maggie and Guy."

They added: "Most of us are relieved that maybe now the newspapers will ask us what our policies are."

European Cup winner Jimmy Rimmer, 78



GOALKEEPER: Jimmy Rimmer played for Manchester United, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Swansea City during a distinguished career.

Aston Villa's 1981 First Division title-winning goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer has died at the age of 78.

Rimmer, who was ever-present as Villa were crowned champions of England, is best remembered for being forced off with a neck injury after only nine minutes as the team won the European Cup the following year, beating Bayern Munich 1-0 in the final in Rotterdam.

It was the second time he had had to watch his team-mates triumph without him in the final having previously been on the bench 14 years earlier when Manchester United beat Benfica at Wembley.

In a statement, Villa said: "Aston Villa is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of European Cup winner Jimmy Rimmer, who has died at the age of 78.

"The thoughts of everyone at the club are with Jimmy's family and friends at this incredibly difficult time."

Rimmer was one of the finest goalkeepers of his generation, and arguably one of the unluckiest when it came to big occasions.

Despite collecting two European Cup winner's medals, he wasn't on the pitch at the end of either final.

The one-cap England international was replaced in the Rotterdam final by understudy Nigel Spink, who kept a clean sheet as Peter Withe hit the second-half winner to see Villa crowned champions of Europe for the first and so far only time.

Spink went on to establish himself as number one at Villa Park while Rimmer was sold to Swansea a year later in 1983, having made more than 200 appearances for the club.

He began his career at Old Trafford but struggled to displace Alex Stepney, and was sold to Arsenal in 1974 before joining Villa three years later.

Rimmer also won one England cap.

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Death Notices

HARRISON
(Aberdeen)

Suddenly at Cloverfield Grove, on Monday, August 3, 2026, Naomi (nee Hoare), aged 86 years. Wife of the late Rev. Christopher Harrison, de facto mother of Priscilla and aunt of Adrian and Jon. Funeral service in Baldarroch Crematorium, Crathes, on Monday, August 24, at 1pm, to which all friends and family are respectfully invited. Naomi is now at peace in the hands of the Lord.

Today's Text

BE alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong. — 1 Corinthians 16, 13.

Death Notices

McQUEEN
(Bridge of Don)

Peacefully, at home, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with illness, Alfred (Freddie), aged 79 years (formerly Mugiemoss Paper Mills). Beloved husband of Margaret, cherished dad to Steven and Leisha, father-in-law to Alan, dear son of the late George and Mary, adored gaga, great-gaga, brother, uncle, cousin and respected friend. Funeral service to be held at Wm Gilchrist Kaimhill, Kaimhill Road, Aberdeen, AB10 7JL, on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 10am, thereafter to Hazlehead Cemetery to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Now resting at Wm Gilchrist Funeralcare, 20 Ellon Road, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, AB23 8BX, please call 01224 703395 for any queries. Freddie will be very sadly missed.

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Charlie
(Alness)

Charlie passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2026, aged 88 years. Dear husband to Annette and brother to Gillian, David, Hamish and Hilary. Funeral service to be held at Alness Church of Scotland (Perrins Road), on Friday, August 21, 2026, commencing at 12 noon, private cremation thereafter. All family and friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but a donation, if desired, can be made at the service for Invergordon County Community Hospital Sutor Ward and Local District Nurses. Enquiries to Mairi Urquhart and Son, tel: 01349 880901.

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GUILTY: Ryan Thomson, left, pled guilty to voyeurism, while David Moar, right, stole food from shops in Peterhead.

Voyeur, shoplifter and unfit driver in guilty court pleas

BY JAMIE ROSS

An unfit driver, a shoplifter and a man who illicitly recorded a woman pled guilty at Peterhead Sheriff Court.

Maikls Aristovs was stopped by police earlier this year while under the influence near Longside Golf Club, David Moar went on a shoplifting spree across Peterhead ahead of the summer, and Ryan Thomson secretly recorded a woman while she was in the bathroom.

Aristovs, 21, was described by fiscal depute Anne Mann as having been deemed unfit to drive by police officers when they stopped his BMW 525D on June 14 this year on the A950 Longside road, near to the golf club.

She said officers conducted the stop at about 10.35pm.

"They noticed the accused looking extremely lethargic," she added, noting later: "He remained extremely lethargic to the point of falling asleep."

A drugs test at the roadside tested positive for cannabis.

Solicitor Leonard Burkinshaw, representing Aristovs, said his client knew what the consequences would be.

"At the time, he did not feel he was impaired in his driving. He understands the consequences of his actions," he told the court.

Sheriff Alan Sinclair called for background reports on Aristovs, who was described as being unemployed, ahead of his sentencing on September 14.

Earlier this year, Aristovs, of Copeman Place, had appeared in court after he was assaulted.

After calling to report the attack, Aristovs kicked off with police officers during a drive to his Peterhead home, leading to him struggling as they attempted to restrain him.

For that, he was fined £190.

David Moar, who had no address given in court papers, pled guilty to four separate incidents of theft from supermarkets in Peterhead.

The court heard that the 32-year-old stole food or groceries from Aldi, Home Bargains, Morrisons Daily and The Co-op between April 24 and May 20 this year.

His spree would cost the retailers more than £128 in goods, none of which were recovered.

Moar also admitted to a single charge of destroying property when, on July 21, he smashed up a key card entry system to Peterhead Police Station.

Ms Mann said he was caught on CCTV footage outside the building at about 3.40am kicking and pulling at the machine.

His defence agent, Marianne Milligan, said Moar had a "significant drug problem at the time" and called for background reports to be drawn up on her client. He will return to the court in September to be sentenced.

Ryan Thomson, whose address was given as Catto Drive in Peterhead, meanwhile accepted he had photographed a woman while she was in the bathroom "in a state of undress" without her consent.

The crime, committed on June 29 2023, was followed by the voyeur sending footage of the woman – in an intimate situation – to someone else.

The 26-year-old will return to court to be sentenced in four weeks.

In the meantime, he was made subject to the sex offenders notification requirements. In addition to background reports, Sheriff Sinclair called for a restriction of liberty assessment to be drawn up, which will gauge whether or not Thomson could be electronically tagged and limited to leaving his property during certain hours of the day.

A non-harassment order could also be imposed at the case's next hearing.

Chamber will spread the word on North Sea with its 'facts website'

Business leaders are taking aim at politicians basing decisions "on slogans rather than evidence" as they fight for the future of the North Sea.

Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) has crafted a new tool which they want MPs and MSPs to consult before weighing in on the future of UK energy policy.

Russell Borthwick, chief executive of AGCC, says the new North Sea Facts database will serve as a resource to inform any future talks - and help shape decisions.

A storm has surrounded the issue of new North Sea drilling licences for the Rosebank and Jackdaw North Sea fields.

Rosebank is the UK's largest undeveloped oilfield, north-west of Shetland, while Jackdaw is a major natural gasfield east of Aberdeen which is operated by Shell.

Future work at both has been left in limbo amid a war of words between climate change activists and those arguing to protect thousands of jobs at risk of being lost in the transition to renewables.

The launch of the website comes as UK Continental Shelf production continues to decline by around 10% every year, with lost production said to be increasingly being replaced by imports carrying emissions higher than North Sea production.

Mr Borthwick said the North Sea Facts initiative had been launched to try to put "evidence" back at the heart of the debate.

He said: "The debate about the future of the North Sea has become one of the defining economic and energy policy discussions facing the UK.

"The decisions taken over the next few years will have profound implications for jobs, investment, public finances, energy security and the success of the energy transition itself."

Mr Borthwick continued: "Too often that debate has become dominated by slogans rather than evidence.

"Every credible forecast shows Britain will continue to need oil and gas for decades to come.

"The real question is whether we produce more of that energy ourselves, under some of the world's highest environmental standards, or increasingly rely on imports from overseas," added Mr Borthwick.

North Sea Facts elaborates on topical issues such as investment and jobs, energy security, emissions and cost of living.

AGCC has now written to every MP and MSP in the UK, urging them to "follow the facts" featured on this website.

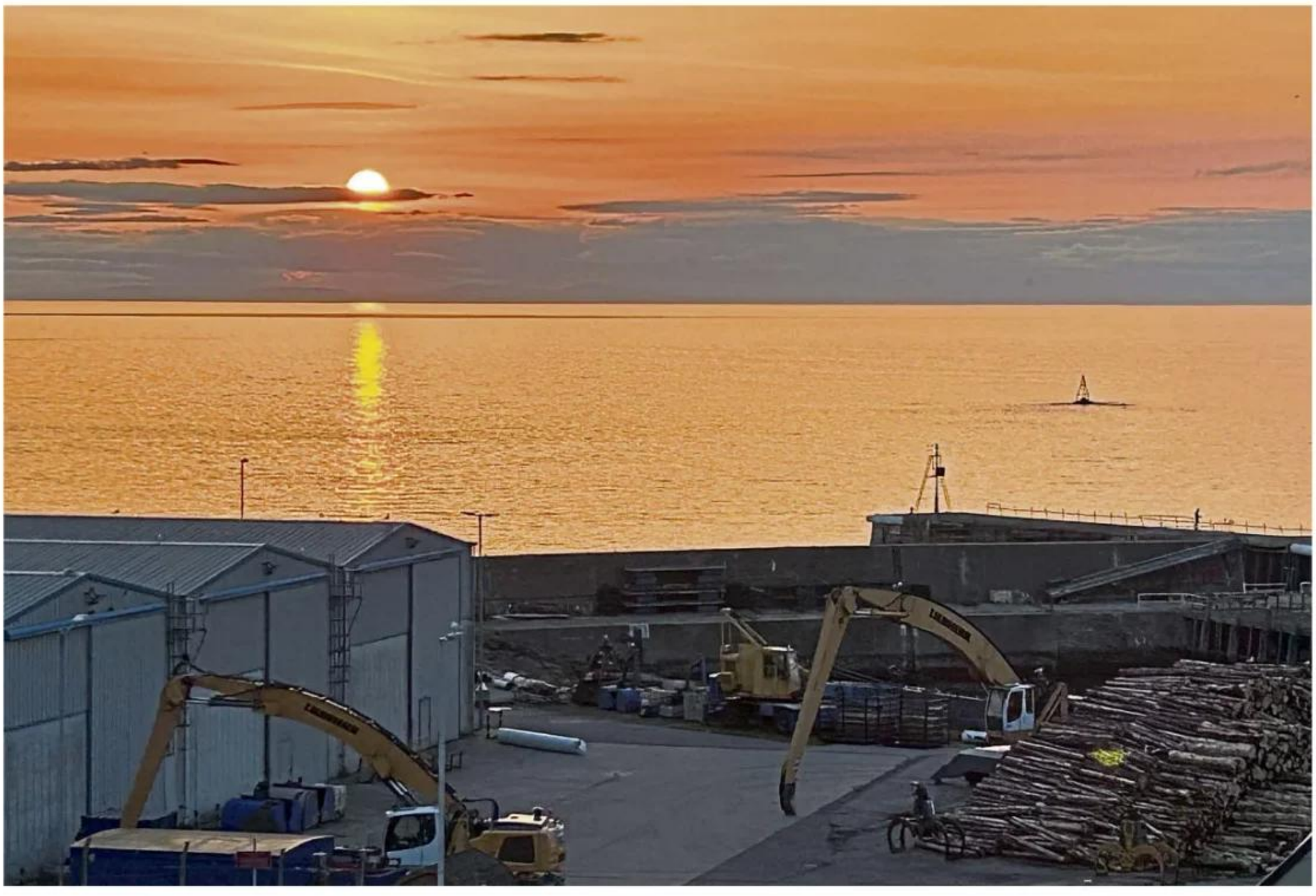
The business boss fears that the continued nature of the debate surrounding energy in the UK is already harming the north-east economy.

He added: "Unless new investment comes forward, almost all of that decline is replaced by imported energy.

"That means exporting jobs, investment and tax revenues while increasing our dependence on international markets."

The chamber has called for immediate policy changes to support the transition to renewables.

Russell Borthwick: The debate about North Sea drilling 'dominated by slogans rather than evidence'.



Reader's picture of the day

GOLDEN GLOW: This beautiful sunset image at Buckie harbour was taken by Lorna Smith, of Buckie.

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It's not about the golf course

Sir, – With reference to Mr Lakin's letter ("Admit it : Trump's course is a success" P &J, August 13) I would suggest that, by all means, one should welcome any genuine employment and tourism the course brings.

But commercial success is not a character reference, nor does it erase broken promises, environmental concerns, nor Donald Trump's conduct and criminal conviction on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records.

Would we merely overlook the conduct of a disgraced British political figure or royal merely because one of their commercial ventures proved successful?

A golf course can be successful without its owner deserving our praise.

That is the distinction Mr Lakin conspicuously avoids.

We should all be pleased for any real local benefit, but don't confuse that with owing Trump admiration.

Peter Macari, Aberdeen.

Nicola only cares about Nicola

Sir, – The aspiring book promoter, Nicola Sturgeon, claims JK Rowling, a very successful Scottish author, is "obsessed" with her.

Maybe Nicola studies her career and writes about her failures.

Imagine if Scotland was a country run by a woman who, despite her claimed awareness, can't spot all the gifts including a massive motorhome, necklace and many top end household items bought by the husband she now ignores.

Self and book promotion is all that Nicola is interested in.

How shallow and arrogant is our ex-first minister, the same person that now considers the city that Westminster is situated in as her home?

I'm not holding my breath on apologies to the the many people she has offended with her crass opinions.

Nicola only cares about Nicola.

Name and address supplied.

Power payments funded by all of us

Sir, – The government's latest promise of £250 a year off electricity bills for households living near new transmission infrastructure will no doubt be spun as generous compensation. But, as ever, the devil is in the detail.

Ministers and network companies talk of communities "hosting" pylons and substations. Those impacted are not in party mode. They are having 70 metre-high pylons and substations the size of small towns thrust upon them.

Worse still, this so-called compensation is not coming from government or transmission company's no-risk profits. It's being

JK Rowling.

paid for by billpayers through Ofgem-regulated charges. In other words, those deemed eligible for £250 a year are paying for their own "compensation" along with every other electricity customer.

Ofgem now estimates £78 billion of transmission upgrades over the next five years. Stripped of the euphemisms, that means a vast grid expansion to connect gold-rush renewable generation and hyperscale data centres. Spread across roughly 34 million UK household electricity billpayers, that equates to about £2,294 per household over five years, or roughly £459 a year, before considering business users.

Against that backdrop, the £250 annual discount looks less like generosity and more like a circular transfer from billpayers back to a subset of billpayers while the overall burden keeps rising.

Meanwhile, Ofgem has already approved £99 million for pre-construction on SSEN's Kintore to Tealing overhead line with costs again recovered from billpayers even though the project has been knocked back by Scottish Government on serious health, safety, land use, forestry, routing and conditions concerns and no consent granted.

The public deserves a more honest conversation. This is not government or industry compensating local people. It is billpayers funding the scheme, then being told to be grateful for getting a fraction of their own money back.

Eileen West, Drumoak.

Well done to A&E at Western Isles

Sir, – Just about all we hear about regarding the health service are the lengthy delays.

I had a tumble last week. Having presented myself at the Western Isles Hospital's A&E department just after 9am, I was seen within 10 minutes and procedures commenced to attend to a dislocated thumb and index finger.

With suitable pain relief, I was discharged at noon.

The treatment was first class and I'm at home with no pain at this point, suitable medication supplied if required.

Well done reception, the medical staff, and radiography department.

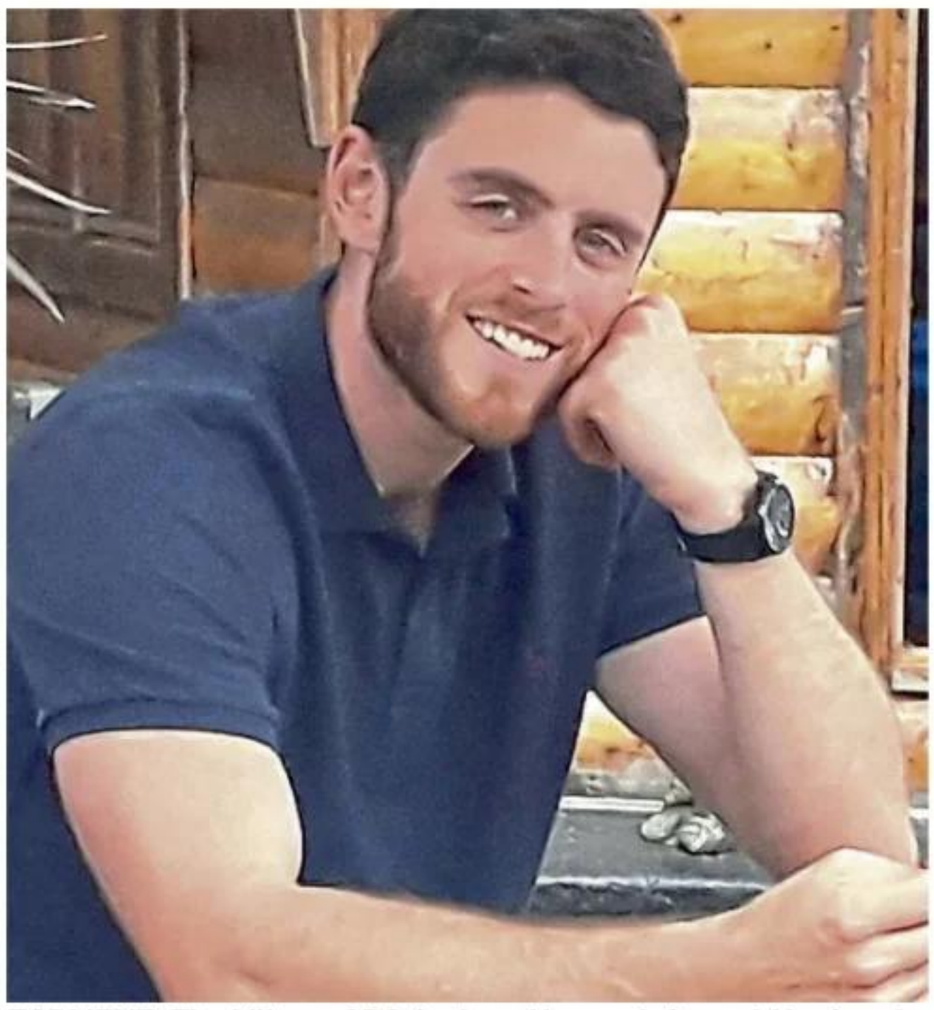
Jim Watson, Western Isles.

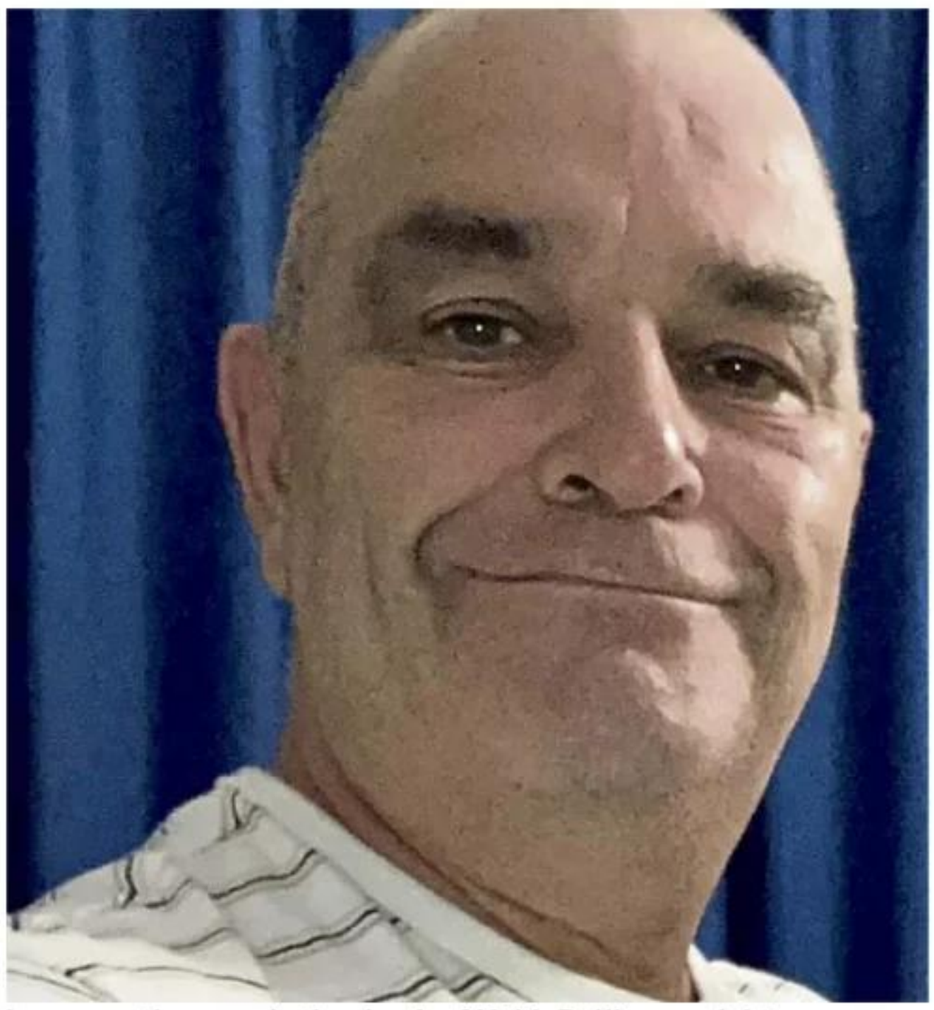
Opinion

Early release of prisoners is failing victims and families

David Knight

Commitment to soft justice system is a national scandal to haunt SNP leaders





TORMENT: The killers of PC Andrew Harper, left, could be freed early as was the case in the death of Keith Rollinson, right.

We all reacted in horror to the potential early release of the killers who dragged a newlywed policeman to his death under a car, but it was particularly painful for one north-east family.

They suffered similar torment due to the Scottish Government's equally zealous commitment to freeing violent prisoners as fast as possible, no matter how much it hurts victims and grieving families.

A situation made worse by the Scottish justice system's own habitual offending – through soft sentences in courts, which hasten their release.

It's a national scandal, especially as the SNP has been in charge of jails for almost two decades and still can't get it right.

There's an image I can't get out of my head – the sight of two of the thugs involved in the horrific death of PC Andrew Harper.

They were grinning from ear to ear outside court and clearly revelled in their sickening notoriety.

A huge public row blew up over plans to release them early in England – halfway through their 13-year sentences – under similar rules to Scotland.

It provoked a ferocious backlash and a one-million-strong petition from the public to reverse their early release.

It was backed by 50 UK police chiefs who, in fairness, demanded the same treatment for all victims of violent crime wronged so cruelly by Westminster and Holyrood.

Notable among them was Chief Constable Jo Farrell of Police Scotland, with imbecilic political interference over early release for violent offenders also stark staring mad north of the border.

Unfortunately, Elgin bus driver Keith Rollinson didn't get anywhere near this scale of reaction to his death.

He died brutally at the hands of a drunken thug, aged 15, after refusing to allow him on to his bus.

Keith, 58, was punched repeatedly in a "frenzied", merciless attack. Sadly, he had serious underlying heart problems and died hours later.

Much was made in court of this contributory issue surrounding his sudden death but, as far as I can gather, he was well enough to have a reasonable expectation of waking up the next morning – until he crossed paths with this maniac.

The boy admitted culpable homicide, but the little darling was given a softer sentence due to tender years and confessing to his crime. Wasn't that heartwarming of the judge?

Four years and four months to be exact in some glorified holiday camp reserved for young thugs (unbelievably, he dodged a maximum of six years and six months).

We have learned over time that prison sentences handed out by Scottish judges are highly misleading. You must always check the small print.

With the Scottish Government's lavish "perks for prisoners", a monstrous early-release discount is guaranteed.

Keith's killer was freed recently after serving less than half his sentence for beating a sick and vulnerable middle-aged man to death.

The killer cannot be named for legal reasons because he's still underage, but I hope he is identified on becoming an adult so his lifelong public shame matches the grief borne for ever by his victim's family.

There was no fanfare of national fury and petitions for Keith.

The void was filled by comments from widow Sue Rollinson (whose dignity remained intact despite being insulted by the judicial system), the occasional political criticism and regular coverage in The P&J.

I don't begrudge the flood of goodwill towards PC Harper – it's totally reasonable and potentially a pivotal moment in defending ordinary people from toxic soft sentencing and early release.

Keith also served his country in the RAF and became a public-service worker on the buses, facing intimidation but without the authority or power of a police officer.

We naturally feel empathy for Keith's family and resent even more how the Scottish Government is hellbent on emptying prisons as fast as possible.

I couldn't help but note the irony as John Swinney lost no time in taking a swipe at incompetent Highlands councillors who tried to ensure a convicted rapist cabbie from Inverness kept his taxi operator's licence.

The first minister was right, of course, but chronic double standards screamed out.

They were giving the driver his licence, but Swinney was giving away something more precious.

He was giving freedom to countless criminals on an industrial scale through early release when many don't deserve it – and neither do victims and grieving families.

Judges must be ordered to dish out heavier jail terms in extremely violent cases. If the crime is worth five years, then give 10 to protect us from early release diluting it too much.

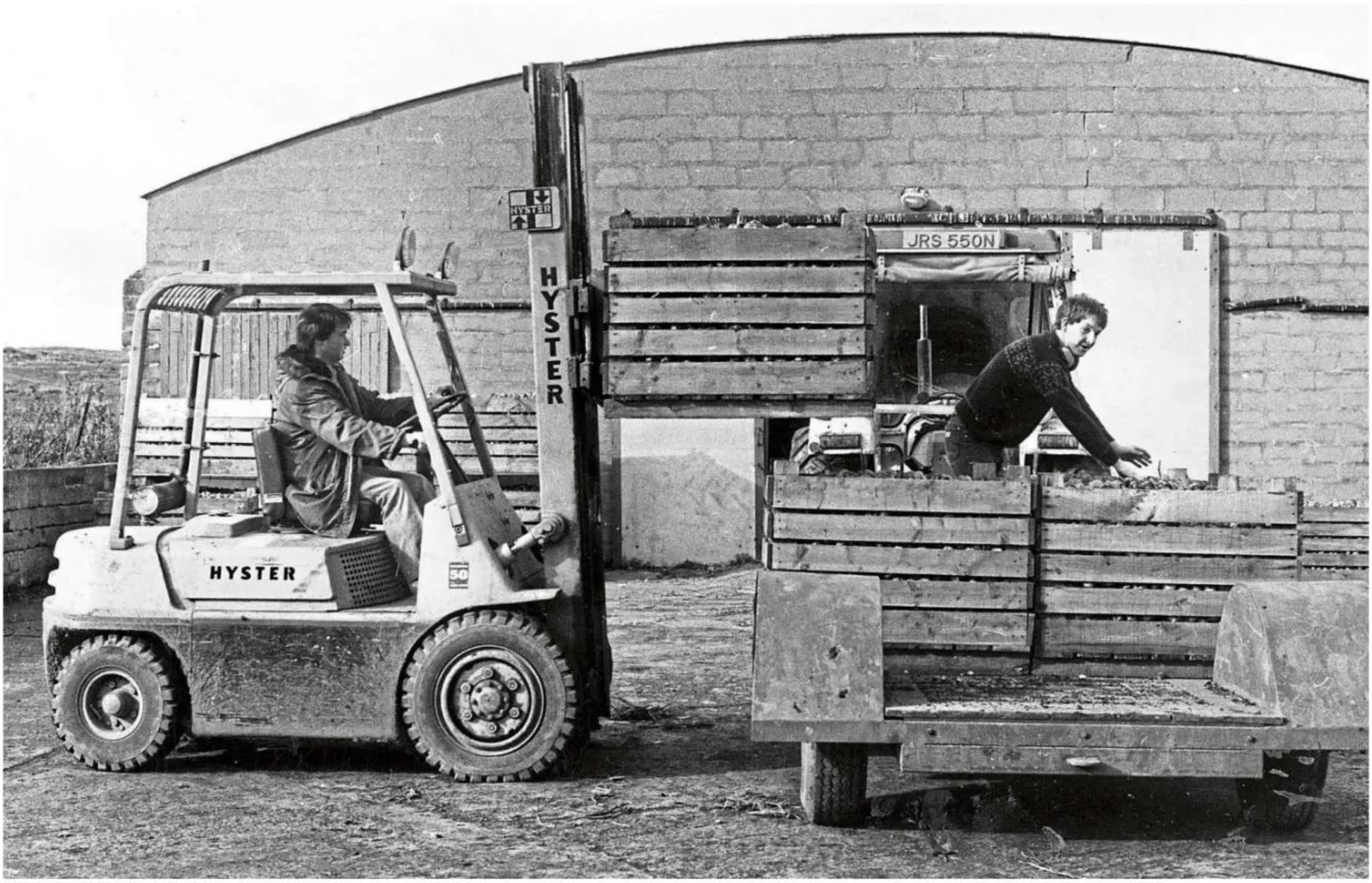
Or slash the standard discounts in the worst cases as an exception for certain categories of violence.

As the SNP heads towards a quarter of a century of continuous power by the next election, it is becoming less about promising the future and more about defending their past.

Cases like Keith Rollinson should haunt them.

■ David Knight is the long-serving former deputy editor of The Press and Journal.

> You must always check the small print with prison sentences



MEN AT WORK: Forklift driver Gordon Leask and James Reid, on the bogie, move ton crates of tatties into storage at Strichen in Buchan, in October 1983.

Past times

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Who said it?

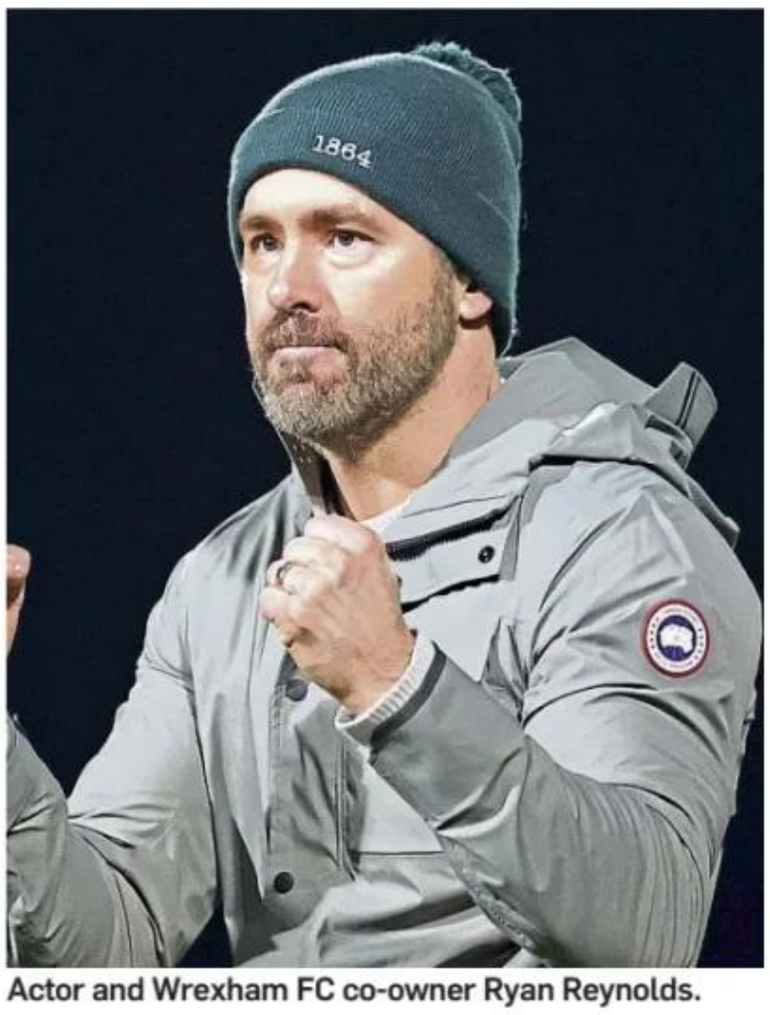
"The whole of the black community and black academics have been brought into this debate as though we don't belong in these positions, because we are collectively the diversity, equity and inclusion hires" **- Lord Simon Woolley, principal of Homerton College, Cambridge, and a former mentor of Professor Jason Arday who was found dead on Friday.**

"It becomes much harder for the UK to ask others to move away from fossil fuels if it continues approving major new fields at home" **- Campaign group Stop Climate Chaos Scotland calls on Andy Burnham to refuse consent for the controversial Jackdaw and Rosebank oil and gas fields.**

"I'm so grateful to be doing this with you all... You've shown me so much love so I want to say thank you" **- Ariana Grande thanks fans for their "overwhelming" support as she began her O2 residency in London following the news she is to step back from public life.**

"Children in the West Bank still get appendicitis. They're still born with conditions that need surgery. Conflict doesn't change that – it just makes getting them the care they need much harder" **- Kids Operating Room co-founder Garreth Wood as the Scottish charity opens its first paediatric operating theatres in the Palestinian territory.**

"I miss the games. This feels like the longest off-season we've ever had. I feel like it's been a year" **- Hollywood star and Wrexham co-owner Ryan Reynolds says what all football fans feel about the start of the new season.**



Actor and Wrexham FC co-owner Ryan Reynolds.

On this day

1786: Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier, was born in Limestone, Tennessee.

1896: Gold was discovered at Bonanza Creek on the Klondike River in Canada's Yukon Territory. This led to the great gold rush of 1898 when the settlement of Dawson grew into a city of some 25,000 inhabitants.

1896: The first pedestrian to be knocked down and killed by a motor vehicle in Britain was Mrs Bridget Driscoll of Croydon near London. The car was travelling at 4mph, and Mrs Driscoll froze in panic at the oncoming vehicle.

1938: Henry Armstrong won the lightweight boxing title and became the only man in the ring's history to hold three world titles at different weights at the same time.

1939: The film The Wizard Of Oz, starring Judy Garland, opened in New York.

1978: The first transatlantic balloon crossing was successfully completed when the huge black and silver balloon Double Eagle II sank gracefully to the ground in a wheatfield in Normandy, France.

1983: Ira Gershwin, lyricist to his brother George, died. Together they wrote some of the world's greatest popular songs.

1987: Former senior Nazi Rudolf Hess killed himself in Spandau Prison at the age of 93.

ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: Prime minister Sir Keir Starmer hailed Volodymyr Zelensky's desire for a "just and lasting peace" in Ukraine, amid worries a Russian land grab could result from negotiations to end the war.

‘Wind farm will be force for good in community’

FUTURE: What Cairnmore Hill wind farm could look like from Thurso. Construction is expected to start at the site next year and it is set to start delivering power by spring 2028.

BY WILL ANGUS

Boulfruich wind farm, which is also in Caithness, is already operational.

TagEnergy’s UK managing partner Ricardo Folgado.

It has been a bumpy ride for Cairnmore Hill wind farm.

First proposed 10 years ago, this latest attempt has halved the number of turbines overlooking Thurso, and finally received approval after appealing to the Scottish Government.

Now on its second owner, work will begin on the site in summer next year.

Behind the project is Portuguese-based global renewable firm TagEnergy, which believes it is bringing a winning formula of “tangible” benefits for the community.

With its global perspective, it believes Scotland and the Highlands are in a “good place” when it comes to renewable development.

The Press and Journal spoke to TagEnergy’s UK managing partner Ricardo Folgado about the firm’s plans.

Planning for a five-turbine wind farm just under three miles west of Thurso was originally submitted in 2022 under global renewable firm RES.

This came after pushback on a 10-turbine idea in 2016, and an eight-turbine plan rejected in 2021.

This latest wind farm was refused by Highland Council under delegated powers in February last year, and later in May RES appealed the decision.

On July 27 the Scottish Government granted the five-turbine plan.

However since last November the Cairnmore Hill proposal, along with three other wind farms in Scotland, had been taken over by TagEnergy.

Leading the move is UK managing partner Ricardo Folgado, who believes Scotland and the Highlands are a “good area to invest”.

He told The P&J: “There’s good resource, good public support, and a stable regulatory framework.

“We are also investing in England, Wales and elsewhere, but we feel strongly about Scotland.”

Formed in 2019, TagEnergy is headquartered in Portugal and its renewable portfolio covers projects in the UK, Spain, France, and Australia.

One of its most recently approved, Cairnmore Hill was also deemed “strategic” by grid operators NESO and NGET, and it has guaranteed them space on the grid to supply power.

This means planning for Cairnmore Hill is already underway, with construction anticipated to start next year. And it is set to start delivering power by spring 2028.

Ricardo joined TagEnergy in 2024, after a 20-year career working in the UK on projects across the country including Scotland.

While TagEnergy will be paying out the standard £5,000 per megawatt per year in community benefit, he believes this is one Highlands wind farm that will be different.

He said: “There’s a Scottish best practice which we are following.

“Now it’s just a question of implementing it with the local stakeholders.

“The way it’s structured is very flexible and open-ended, so it forces people to come together and really engage.

“The plan is to go and sit with Highland Council, lots of different local groups, and really ask people what do they prefer.”

Some of the options on the table include money off energy bills for those near the turbines, creating university grants, or funding local infrastructure.

Ricardo also stresses the wind farm will create £1.4 million in “inward investment” for Caithness, and the wind farm will pay Highland Council £8.75 million in business rates over the 35-year lifetime of the project.

“Our role is as a facilitator,” Ricardo added. “We shouldn’t really be doing more than that, and rightly so. It’s not for us to decide what to do with the money.

“Wind farms can be controversial, but it really varies region to region. I found the community was mostly supportive, but there’s always voices that are against it.

“Hopefully this next stage will show people that this can be a force for good.

With projects on both hemispheres, TagEnergy is able to keep tabs on the progress of other countries’ net zero ambitions.

And while Ricardo believes the UK’s net zero targets are “unlikely to be met”, he believes progress in Scotland leaves it in better standing than most.

He said: “When you look at Scotland compared to other regions like Germany, the Nordic countries, Australia – it is in a really good place.

“Our preferred markets are the UK and Australia, but I think Scotland has huge potential, and the power sources are better, to be honest.

“Australia is different. Australia, there’s enough wind, but solar is really the dominant energy.

“The advantage of solar is that it’s really dirt cheap, but it’s heavily concentrated.

“It generates best at midday in the summer, and it’s not 365 days.

“Pump storage and wind are probably the two best things one can hope for to power a country, with some batteries.

“I think we will only expand in the Highlands in Scotland. We would love to have more jobs there.

“Not just construction, but actual developers, land managers, and lawyers.”

He added: “My personal theory is, give it five to ten years and Scotland will be self-sufficient and energy bills will start dropping.”

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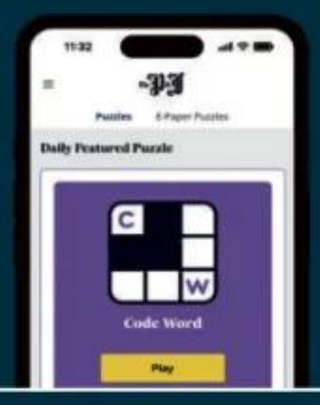

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Turning family tragedy and loss into successful life coaching business

BY KELLY WILSON

CHALLENGE: Babatola Dada is using the personal life experiences he has endured to help others.

From losing his wife when his daughters were toddlers to transforming his own health during lockdown, an Aberdeen business coach has drawn on his challenging experiences to help others.

Babatola Dada said raising his daughters as a single father for several years was "the most challenging spell of my life" – but also his greatest achievement.

During the Covid-19 lockdown, Babatola demonstrated that same determination and grit by losing more than 16kg (35lb) and, importantly, keeping the weight off. The experience taught him first hand the power of mindset, accountability and structure.

It was a turning point that helped inspire the launch of ActionCOACH Aberdeen in 2025, with Babatola now using lessons from both his personal and professional journey to help business owners build stronger, more sustainable companies.

Babatola answered our questions about building his business and who has helped along the way.

How and why did you start in business?
The foundation for my business coaching journey was built during Covid-19. Lockdown changed my life. I lost more than 16kg and, crucially, I was able to keep the weight off. The experience showed me the power of mindset, accountability and structure.

From my experience, I started helping colleagues and friends. This lit a fire inside me – if transformation was possible personally, could I help business owners achieve the same in their businesses?
After extensive personal development and training in the US, I launched ActionCOACH Aberdeen in 2025. My mission is to help ambitious business owners achieve their goals more quickly through better systems, stronger leadership and clear strategies.

How did you get to where you are today?
My induction to business operations was as a restaurant manager in Mr Biggs in Nigeria. This was great experience for me, because in hospitality you need to be on point on all things finance, sales, marketing and customer service.
In 2005, I came to the UK and completed a master's degree in project management.
I spent the next two decades in commercial roles across the oil servicing and construction industries.
It has been a journey of continuous learning.
I've worked alongside leaders in FTSE 100 companies and entrepreneurs who have built businesses from the ground up. Every experience taught me valuable lessons about leadership, growth and resilience, which I now share with business owners across the north-east.

Who helped you?
My biggest supporters have always been my wife, children and close friends.
Networking groups have been invaluable – BNI Platinum Aberdeen, KLT Networking and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).
I also benefit from the support network within ActionCOACH UK. Through training, mentoring and collaboration, I'm constantly learning and never truly on my own.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever had?
Always 'work ON your business, not just IN it'.
The magic you are looking for is on the other side of the work you are avoiding.
Whether it's business, health or personal development, growth comes from taking action, even when it's uncomfortable.

What is your biggest mistake?
Despite my years building experience and helping others, I doubted myself for too long.
Looking back, I wish I'd trusted my ability to start this journey sooner. Every challenge taught me something valuable, but confidence was the missing ingredient.

What is your greatest achievement?
My family. No business achievement compares to that.
I lost my daughters' mother when they were toddlers.
Raising them as a single father for a few years was one of the most challenging spells of my life.
We came through it together, and I later rebuilt my life with my wife. Our two boys later joined the story, and new chapters are still being written.

How are you managing the rising cost of doing business?
Like many SME owners, I focus on what I can control.
Regularly reviewing costs, making efficiencies, and using technology to automate routine tasks, all help reduce overheads and free up valuable time.
For many businesses, improving how they operate can be just as important as increasing sales.

What do you still hope to achieve?
I want ActionCOACH Aberdeen to become the first call for business owners across the north-east who want more from their business.
Longer term, I want to help create businesses that can thrive without their owners being involved in every decision.

How could the government or council support your ambitions?
I'd like to see greater support for start-ups and growing businesses through funding, mentoring and business education.

Sun, sea and sand – but money worries persist

Many people look forward to holidays as an opportunity to be carefree and relax – but a survey has found that money worries follow some holidaymakers around for several days of their break or even persist for the whole trip.

Just more than a quarter (27%) of holidaymakers who worry about money while away said they do manage to switch off straight away, the research commissioned by app thinkmoney found.

By the end of the first day on holiday, the proportion rises to 38%.

But it takes up to three days before the majority of holidaymakers with money worries have left their financial concerns behind, the research indicated.

By that point, just over half (53%) have switched off, according to the survey.

But more than two-fifths (42%) said they either take most of the holiday to switch off or never fully manage it at all, the survey found.

Vix Leyton, a consumer expert at thinkmoney, said: "You can't put your money worries on airplane mode.

"For some people, the first few days of a holiday are still being spent mentally adding up what they've spent, checking whether there's enough left for the rest of the trip and thinking about the bills waiting at home."

To help leave money worries at home, Ms Leyton suggested setting a holiday budget.

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EWE STAR: Champion any other breed and overall champion of champions, Texel ewe from the Little family, Glenample, above. Blackface supreme from Iain McLarty and Rob Hamilton, top right, and overall cattle champion 11-month-old Limousin cross heifer from Robert Waugh, Croftintygan, right.

Near record high crowd at one of last shows of its kind

Killin Show is one of the few confined agricultural events remaining in Scotland, but it can still pack a punch when it comes to attracting some of the biggest entries of Blackface and commercial sheep, and with the quality to match.

Add in a good, dry day and the stunning Tarmachan Ridge Traverse – a short but stunning mountain loop walk that takes in sweeping views of Loch Tay and the Ben Lawers range – and the event at Breadalbane Park, Perthshire, pulled in a near record high attendance.

While the competition is always steepest in the Blackface ring, it was the any other sheep champion, a home-bred Texel gimmer from the Little family, Glenample, that went all the way to be crowned overall champion of champions by the three section judges – Alan Lambie, Bill Mackinnon and Graeme Mackie.

Taking centre and producing a first supreme overall for Colin and Gill Little, daughters Becks, Eilidh, Iona and son Archie, was a previously unshown gimmer. She is by a Tima ram bought from the Grays, Sunnycroft at Lanark, out of a home-bred ewe by an Elmscleugh sire that had been purchased at Stirling. The win also secured a second section championship for the family, who run 50 pure Texel ewes alongside a significantly larger Blackface ewe flock, having last year landed the tri-colour with a shearling ram.

A larger show of commercial cattle was topped by an 11-month-old Limousin cross heifer from Robert Waugh, Croftintygan, who was exhibiting for the first time since before the Covid pandemic.

His show-stopper, which is to be retained for breeding, is sired by a Spittalton bull bought privately from Andrew Burnett.

Leading awards

Blackface (Judge: Alan Lambie, Flemington). Champion – Ian McLarty and Rab Hamilton, Glentarkin, with a one-crop ewe by an £11,000 Auldhouseburn ram bought at Lanark four years ago and out of a home-bred ewe. She is a twin sister to a £4,200 tup sold three years ago. She was second at Braco Show. Reserve – Peter McDiarmid, Shenlarich, with a two-crop ewe on her first outing by an Upper Wellwood ram bought at Fort William as a tup lamb. The dam is home-bred. Shenlarich also won the award for the best opposite sex to the champion with a three-shear Shawhead-bred ram by a Midlock sire, bought at Stirling. First here last year.

Any other sheep breed (Judge: Bill Mackinnon, West Dron). Champion and overall champion of champions – Colin and Gill Little, daughters Becks, Eilidh, Iona and son Archie, Glenample, with a gimmer by a Tima sire bought at Lanark out of a ewe by an Elmscleugh sire purchased at Stirling. First outing. Reserve – Matthew and Fiona Kerr, Roromore, with an April-born Texel cross ewe lamb by a Coilavoulin sire bought privately with the dam being a home-bred Bletex cross Texel ewe. First outing.

Young handers – 11-18yrs – 1 and champion, Jock Little; 2, Katie Campbell; 3, Pearse Mcnickle; 4, Annie Taylor. Under 11yrs – 1, Ailsa Kerr; 2, Sadie Jamieson; 3, Murdo Kerr; 4, Fraser Webster.

Fleece (Judge: Billy Hewitson, British Wool). Champion – Tullich Farm. Reserve – Meggernie Estate.

Commercial cattle (Judge: Graeme Mackie, The Ross). Champion – Robert Waugh, Croftintygan, Lawers, with an 11-month-old Limousin cross sired by a Spittalton bull bought privately from Andrew Burnett that last year produced a pen of four bullocks that sold for 540p per kg. The dam, a fourth calver, is a home-bred twin-born Simmental cross Limousin cow. The heifer which was on her first outing from the 80-cow suckler herd is to be retained for breeding. Reserve – Hamish McDiarmid, Ben Lawers, with a mid-March-born Limousin cross bullock sired by Mariascote Stafford, a bull bought at Stirling four years ago, out of a home-bred Limousin cross heifer.

Produce/baking/handicrafts – Handicraft champion – Elizabeth Murphy. Photography – Mayumi Paterson. Homecraft – Jenny Huntley. Baking – Amy McDiarmid. Produce – Ann Watson. Vegetables – Amy McDiarmid. Flowers – Fiona MacLaren. Floral art – Jean Faichney. Girls trophy – Rose Stewart and Zara Kelloe. Boys trophy – Tommy MacLaren and Ben McDiarmid. Community challenge – Killin Gold Club Ladies. Len Fenton Trophy – Cathie Reid. Scarecrow – Community Garden. Poster competition – Josh Hay.

Ploughing match – Champion and best finish – Billy Henderson. Open – 1, Billy Henderson; 2, Davied Veitch; 3, David McCulloch. Confined small plough – 1, Stewart Christie; 2, Finlay MacAskill; 3, Donald Hancock.

Campaign to boost Scotch Lamb returns

BAA-RILLIANT: Scotland's Love Lamb Week returns at the beginning of September.

BY KATRINA MACARTHUR

Quality Meat Scotland's Love Lamb Week will make a return from September 1 to 7.

Now running in its 11th year, this year's campaign will focus on two central themes: the people and process behind lamb production across the UK; and the wide variety of tasty and versatile meals that can be made using lamb.

The campaign will also be supported by the National Sheep Association (NSA), the National Farmers' Union (NFU), NFU Scotland, the Ulster Farmers' Union, and Red Tractor – as well as a wide array of industry supporters and stakeholders

Emma Heath, director of marketing at Quality Meat Scotland, said: "Love Lamb Week is always a fantastic opportunity to work alongside our fellow UK levy boards and organisations across Scotland's red meat supply chain to celebrate the quality and versatility of lamb.

"Lamb from the UK has been known to be at its best in late summer and autumn, so we hope the campaign inspires more people to 'Make It Lamb' and try some of our latest Scotch Lamb recipes for everyone to enjoy, which can be found on makeitscotch.com.

"When you spot the blue Scotch Lamb logo, you know it's lamb you can trust."

A campaign toolkit will be made available to levy bodies, farming organisations, retailers, processors and other industry stakeholders to help them take part in Love Lamb Week.

The toolkit will include updated campaign messages, Make It Lamb logos and social media assets featuring farmers, landscapes and recipe inspiration.

The participating organisations will be encouraged to share the materials through their own channels and networks in the lead-up to and throughout the week.

Farmers and others working throughout the sheep sector will be encouraged to get involved by sharing their own experiences, images and stories on social media.

The campaign aims to help consumers better understand where lamb comes from, while building recognition of the contribution sheep farming makes to food production, rural communities and the UK's landscapes.

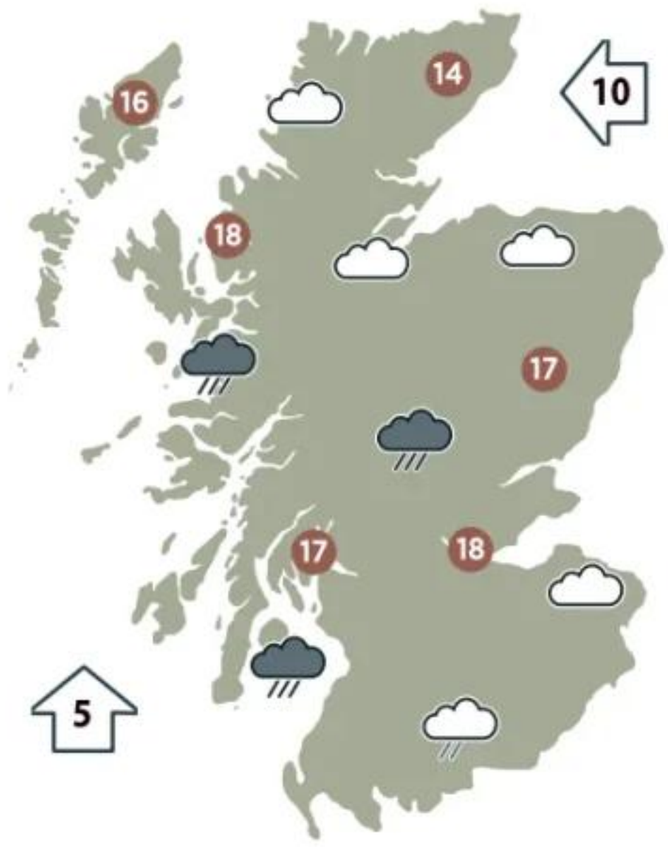
Each levy body will also deliver activity tailored to consumers and industry audiences in its respective nation.

In Scotland, QMS will place a Scotch Lamb focus across its Make It Scotch website and social media channels in the lead-up to and during Love Lamb Week.

The Make It Scotch social channels will be rebranded as Make It Lamb for the campaign period, with content showcasing farmers, production and demonstrating different ways to prepare and enjoy Scotch Lamb.

WEATHER

Shetland, Orkney	North West, Caithness	Moray Firth, Inverness
AM PM	AM PM	AM PM
Aberdeen, North East	**Central Highlands**	**Argyll and West**
AM PM	AM PM	AM PM



GENERAL SITUATION

MODERATE

Morning starts with dry and calm conditions. By midday, expect rain spreading from the west, becoming heavier in the afternoon. Winds will pick up slightly, especially in coastal areas as rain continues.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Tomorrow begins with wet conditions across most regions, transitioning to drier weather midweek. Later next week, expect breezy and unsettled weather.

AROUND SCOTLAND

2-day forecast	Today TEMP (°C)			Tomorrow TEMP (°C)		
	Max	min	outlook	max	min	outlook
Aberdeen	17	14	cloudy	20	12	thdr
Arbroath	16	13	cloudy	19	11	shwrs
Aviemore	18	12	rain	18	10	rain
Banff	16	13	cloudy	18	12	rain
Buckie	16	13	cloudy	18	12	rain
Fraserburgh	14	14	cloudy	16	13	shwrs
Invergordon	17	13	cloudy	19	12	shwrs
Inverness	17	13	cloudy	18	11	shwrs
Kinloss	17	13	cloudy	19	12	shwrs
Lerwick	14	10	fair	13	10	rain
Macduff	16	13	cloudy	18	12	rain
Mallaig	18	14	rain	16	12	shwrs
Oban	18	14	rain	16	12	shwrs
Peterhead	14	14	cloudy	16	13	shwrs
Stornoway	16	13	cloudy	16	12	shwrs
Wick	14	12	cloudy	16	11	rain

AROUND THE UK

2-day forecast	Today TEMP (°C)			Tomorrow TEMP (°C)		
	Max	min	outlook	max	min	outlook
Belfast	18	14	rain	22	17	fair
Birmingham	24	15	cloudy	18	12	rain
Bristol	23	17	fair	22	12	drizzle
Cardiff	25	16	fair	23	16	cloudy
Darlington	20	15	rain	23	12	rain
Dundee	18	14	cloudy	21	11	cloudy
Edinburgh	18	14	rain	25	11	cloudy
Exeter	26	15	fair	23	12	cloudy
Glasgow	18	14	rain	24	12	shwrs
Ipswich	20	15	cloudy	21	12	cloudy
Leicester	23	16	cloudy	25	14	drizzle
London	23	15	cloudy	19	12	rain
Manchester	27	16	cloudy	23	13	rain
Norwich	20	16	cloudy	24	14	drizzle
Plymouth	22	16	cloudy	20	13	cloudy
Swansea	25	16	fair	21	14	rain

HIGH TIDES

Aberdeen	17.30	05.38	18.10
Arbroath	18.11	06.19	18.49
Banff	16.12	04.19	16.47
Buckie	15.54	04.02	16.33
Fraserburgh	16.11	04.19	16.51
Invergordon	16.14	04.29	16.49
Lerwick	14.57	03.09	15.32
Macduff	16.12	04.19	16.47
Mallaig	21.49	10.10	22.19
Montrose	18.16	06.24	18.55
Oban	21.32	09.53	22.02
Peterhead	16.59	05.06	17.37
Scrabster	12.28	00.37	13.07
Ullapool	22.50	11.22	23.30
Wick	15.20	03.32	15.57

ABROAD

Weather at noon local time yesterday except *denotes readings from the day before

	(°C)	(°F)	
Amsterdam	23	73	cloudy
Athens	30	86	sunny
Balearics	33	91	sunny
Barbados	30	86	thunder
Barcelona	32	90	sunny
Beijing	26	79	thunder
Berlin	19	66	cloudy
Budapest	33	91	sunny
Cairo	33	91	sunny
Canaries	30	86	sunny
Chicago*	24	75	cloudy
Copenhagen	19	66	fair
Corfu	31	88	sunny
Costa del Sol	30	86	fair
Crete	27	81	fair
Cyprus	33	91	sunny
Dublin	18	64	cloudy
Faro	24	75	fair
Frankfurt	28	82	sunny
French Riviera	30	86	sunny
Geneva	31	88	fair
Helsinki	20	68	fair
Houston	35	95	sunny
Istanbul	28	82	fair
Johannesburg	18	64	sunny
Los Angeles*	24	75	fair
Madrid	29	84	sunny
Majorca	33	91	sunny
Malta	32	90	sunny
Miami*	34	93	sunny
Montreal*	21	70	fair
Moscow	21	70	fair
Naples	31	88	sunny
New York*	26	79	sunny
Oslo	20	68	fair
Paris	28	82	fair
Prague	20	68	rain
Rhodes	29	84	sunny
Rome	32	90	sunny
Singapore	31	88	thunder
Stockholm	16	61	showers
Sydney	18	64	fair
Toronto	23	73	fair
Vancouver*	20	68	sunny
Vienna	33	91	sunny

LIGHT-UP TIMES

Moving vehicles should display dipped headlights from sunset to sunrise and during times of poor visibility.

Sunrise	Sunset	M/rise	M/set	Light-ups
ABERDEEN 05.39	20.46	12.18	21.23	20.46 - 05.41
INVERNESS 05.44	20.54	12.27	21.28	20.54 - 05.46
LERWICK 05.23	20.53	12.26	21.06	20.53 - 05.25
STORNOWAY 05.52	21.06	12.40	21.35	21.06 - 05.54

HILLWALKERS' 48-HOUR FORECAST

East Highlands, West Highlands, Cairngorms, Skye:

Today brings varied conditions across northern areas, with increasing rain and wind. Tomorrow, rain intensifies with gusty winds; freezing levels stay above peaks, suggesting wetter paths and reduced visibility.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

In Britain Saturday

Warmest: Wiggonholt, 31c.

Coldest: Topcliffe, 9c.

Wettest: Resallach, 3.20mm.

Sunniest: Camborne, 11.8hrs.

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tv highlights

Buried with Michael Sheen
(BBC2, 9pm-10pm)
The roots of this two-part documentary began to grow over a decade ago when Sheen first met researcher Douglas Gowan. He was trying to publicise the dangers of 'forever chemicals' which had been buried in land near farms and communities in Sheen's native south Wales. After finding pollution near one site at Brofiscin Quarry, Gowan came to conclusion that the chemicals could have a lasting impact on the area, but died before his warnings gained traction. Here, Sheen tries to discover if he was right while hearing from local people, investigative journalists, scientists and experts.

Martin & Roman's Irish Road Trip
(Channel 4, 8pm-9pm)
After learning about the Queen of the Banshees, the father-and-son team find themselves up to their necks in more myths in Meath and Dublin. The Hill of Tara proves to be a memorable spot – the Kemps are welcomed there by an arch druid, explore a spooky ruin that looks like something out of a horror movie.

Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace – What Happened Next
(STV, 9pm-10pm)
Brace yourself – there are sure to be tears aplenty when Nicky Campbell and Davina McCall catch up with foundlings Susanne Barrow and Tom Yeo. In 2024, Susanne met her half-brother for the first time and has since discovered another sibling – but was she able to trace her birth mother?

Celebrity Hunted
(Channel 4, 9pm-10pm)
If you were on the run and trying to stay one step ahead of those in hot pursuit, would you choose to appear on a popular live daytime programme? The answer is, more than likely, no, and yet that's exactly what one team does – they drop into the Morning Live studio, from which they need help to stage an elaborate escape.

Street Cops: Catching the Yobs
(5, 8pm-9pm)
A teen runs from PC Ellie on the high street, as police unearth a nasty, studded baseball bat in the bushes. Plus, Northampton Street cops execute a warrant on a suspected drug dealer as Bonnie the police Spaniel is called in to sniff out any illegal narcotics that may be hidden in the property.

Daytime

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast **9.30** Countryfile Treasures (r) **10.30** Garden Rescue (r) **11.15** Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Norwich, Cardiff and Dover. (r)
12.15 Bargain Hunt
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.35 Reporting Scotland; Weather
1.45 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Money for Nothing
2.45 Escape to the Country
3.30 The Repair Shop (r) Experts restore a handmade book, a camping stove, a table and a flat cap.
4.30 The Answer Run
5.15 Pointless (r)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Reporting Scotland; Weather

BBC2

6.45 Beechgrove Garden (r) **7.15** The Answer Run (r) **8.00** Sign Zone: The Repair Shop (r) **9.00** BBC News
1.00 Richard Osman's House of Games (r)
1.30 The Finish Line (r) Quiz, hosted by Roman Kemp and Sarah Greene.
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? (r)
2.45 Animal Park Summer (r)
3.30 Serengeti II (r) A devastating storm threatens the animals of the African savannah.
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow (r)
5.15 Flog It! (r)
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games (r)
6.30 Bear Grylls: Wild Reckoning (r)

STV

6.00 Good Morning Britain **10.00** This Morning
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather
1.55 STV News; Weather
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (r) The dealers den descends on Nottingham.
3.00 Deal or No Deal (r) Game show, hosted by Stephen Mulhern.
3.59 STV Weather Central
4.00 Tipping Point (r) Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz.
5.00 The Chase (r) Bradley Walsh presents as Sarah, Martyn, Hannah and Neil take on one of the ruthless Chasers.
6.00 STV News; Weather
6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather

Scam Interceptors, 8.30pm

Only Connect, 8pm

Fletchers' Family Farm, 7.30pm

Primetime

7.00 The One Show Topical stories.
7.30 EastEnders A situation escalates for Nicola and George, Avani attempts to play matchmaker, and Amy worries about recent events.
8.00 Child Maintenance: Parents Under Pressure – Panorama Krupa Padhy asks whether the child maintenance system is failing parents and their children.
8.30 Scam Interceptors (r) Ethical hacker Jim Browning catches scammers at work on their own CCTV.
9.00 Disclosure: Welcome to Glasgow Myles Bonnar investigates claims that parts of Scotland's biggest city have become no-go zones because of crime, homelessness and antisocial behaviour.
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Reporting Scotland; Weather
10.40 Death in Paradise (r) A reggae rap artist is shot dead at a soundcheck for a concert.
11.40 Have I Got News for You (r) David Tennant hosts, with Miles Jupp and Cathy Newman.

7.00 Global Eye Aleem Maqbool reports from Cape Coast on slavery's legacy in Ghana, and BBC Eye is given exclusive access to Interpol's anti-trafficking unit in Sierra Leone.
7.30 Mastermind Specialist subjects include the films of Paul Newman and Hergé's Tintin books.
8.00 Only Connect Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts another first-round match as Accrual World take on the Knitwits.
8.30 University Challenge Bath takes on City St George's.
9.00 Buried with Michael Sheen Part one of two. The actor investigates claims of conspiracy, complicity and denial over allegations of toxic chemical contamination in Wales.
10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (r) Paul and Bob set off to fish for perch on the River Thames.
10.30 Newsnight Presented by Faisal Islam. Followed by Weather
11.05 Disclosure: Welcome to Glasgow Claims that parts of Scotland's biggest city have become no-go zones.

7.30 Fletchers' Family Farm (r) Kelvin is on a mission to expand the cow herd and Marnie prepares for lambing season. Milo, Kelvin and his dad start to work on an old vintage tractor. Last in the series.
8.00 Emmerdale Sarah is feeling conflicted about leaving her husband in the dark, while Charity maintains her false confession and Ruby orchestrates a theft.
8.30 Coronation Street Sarah refuses to use her contacts to help another prisoner.
9.00 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace – What Happened Next Foundling Susanne Barrow reveals further discoveries after meeting her half-brother Ian in 2024, while Tom Yeo discusses an unusual development after his appearance on the show.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 STV News; Weather
10.40 Scotland Tonight; Weather
11.05 Red Rock: STV Player Presents (r) Irish crime drama, starring Jack Nolan.

Late

12.10 Sportscene: SWPL Highlights (r) **12.40** Scotcast (r) **1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead **1.15** BBC News

12.05 A House Through Time (r) **1.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile (r) **2.00** Sign Zone: Bergerac (r) **2.45** This Is BBC Two

12.00 Shop on TV **3.00** The Staircase (r) **4.05** Night Vision

Radio

BBC Radio 1
5.00 Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough. **6.58** Newsbeat. **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James. **11.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie. **12.45** Newsbeat. **1.00** Matt and Jerry. **3.30** Newsbeat. **3.33** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1. **5.45** Newsbeat. **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders. **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri. **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri. **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter. **1.00** BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1. **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems. **4.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems.

BBC Radio 2
6.30 The Sara Cox Breakfast Show. **9.30** Vernon Kay. **12.00** Jeremy Vine. **2.00** Clara Amfo. **4.00** Jason Manford. **7.00** Prom Nights on Radio 2. **9.00** The Blues Show with the Black Keys. **10.00** The Good Groove with Melvin Odoom. **12.00** OJ Borg. **2.30** One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg. **3.00** Dermot O'Leary. **4.00** Steffan Powell.

BBC Radio 3
6.30 Breakfast. **9.30** Essential Classics. **1.00** Classical Live. **4.00** Composer of the Week: Felix Mendelssohn. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** BBC Proms 2026. **10.00** Night Tracks. **11.30** 'Round Midnight. **12.30** Through the Night.

BBC Radio 4
5.00 News Summary. **5.04** Last Word. **5.32** Weather. **5.34** Shipping Forecast. **5.43** Prayer for the Day. **5.45** Farming Today. **6.00** Today. **9.00** The Great Crime Mystery. **9.30** How Did We Get Here: No World Order. **10.00** Woman's Hour. **11.00** Behind the Crime. **11.45** Book of the Week: The Fire in the Mountain: Sicily, Etna and her People. **12.00** News. **12.04** You and Yours. **12.57** Weather. **1.00** The World at One. **1.45** Human Intelligence. **2.00** The Archers. **2.15** Alone. **2.45** Opening Lines. **3.00** Great Lives. **3.30** You're Dead to Me. **4.00** Pride Before the Fall. **4.30** Soul Music. **5.00** PM. **6.00** Six O'Clock News. **6.30** Just a Minute. **7.00** The Archers. **7.15** Front Row. **8.00** The Briefing Room. **8.30** BBC Inside Science. **9.00** The Great Crime Mystery. **9.30** How Did We Get Here: No World Order. **9.59** Weather. **10.00** The World Tonight. **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Mr Sidhu's Post Office. **11.00** Intimacy. **11.30** Poetry Please. **12.00** News and Weather. **12.30** Book of the Week: The Fire in the Mountain: Sicily, Etna and her People. **12.48** Shipping Forecast. **1.00** As BBC World Service.

BBC Radio 5 live
5.00 Wake Up to Money. **6.00** 5 Live Breakfast. **9.00** Rima Ahmed. **11.00** Emma Vardy. **2.00** Gordon Smart. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **7.00** 5 Live Sport: The Monday Night Club. **9.00** 5 Live Sport: 5 Live Cricket. **10.00** Qasa Alom. **1.00** Dotun Adebayo.

Channel 4

6.30 **The King of Queens** (r) **7.45** **Everybody Loves Raymond** (r) **9.10** **Frasier** (r) **11.10** **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (r)
12.05 **Channel 4 News Summary**
12.10 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (r)
1.10 **The Great House Giveaway** (r) An accounts manager and a kitchen and bedroom fitter transform a crumbling house.
2.10 **Countdown** With Debbie McGee in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 **A Place in the Sun** (r) A dream holiday home in or around Roquetas de Mar, on Spain's Costa Almería.
4.00 **The Great B&B Challenge** (r)
5.00 **Chateau DIY** (r)
6.00 **American Pickers** (r)

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6.00 **Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine 11.30 Storm & Alexis**
12.45 **5 News at Lunchtime**
12.50 **Matt Allwright**
2.20 **FILM: An Affair to Die For** (2023) A young woman's father becomes the obsession of her seductive room-mate, who will stop at nothing to possess him. Thriller, starring Ryan Francis and Meghan Carrasquillo.
4.00 **Castle** (r) Alexis and Castle are on a flight to London when they discover that an air marshal has been killed.
4.55 **Love Nature** (r)
5.00 **5 News with Dan Walker**
6.00 **Cyprus: Jewel of the Med** (r) A profile of the Mediterranean island.
6.55 **5 News Update**

Secret Lives of Gypsy Wives, 10pm

Fare Dodgers: At War with..., 9pm

7.00 **Channel 4 News**
8.00 **Martin & Roman's Irish Road Trip** Martin and Roman Kemp explore Meath and Dublin, from the Boyne Valley tombs and the Hill of Tara to the Hellfire Club ruins and Slane Castle, mixing myths, music and memories.
9.00 **Celebrity Hunted** Two celebrities on the run drop in at a show bar in Leeds. A social media post provokes the hunters to raid a retirement home and a couple of fugitives pop up live on the BBC. Continues tomorrow.
10.00 **Secret Lives of Gypsy Wives** The sisters and their families prepare for Christmas. Trewley's first rap song enjoys mixed success, while her plans to surprise her mum with a car misfire. Will taking her to speed dating go any better?
11.05 **Surgery Secrets of the Super Rich** (r) Emma has a £9,500 nano-fat treatment to rejuvenate her under-eye shadows and James tackles hair loss head-on in an eight-hour transplant.

7.00 **Traffic Cops** (r) Officers are on the lookout for a suspected cloned car and four suspects make a run for it when it is spotted, with one recognised as someone who rammed a police car weeks before.
7.55 **5 News Update**
8.00 **Street Cops: Catching the Yobs** A teen runs from PC Ellie on the high street, as police unearth a nasty, studded baseball bat in the bushes. Northampton Street cops execute a warrant on a suspected drug dealer.
9.00 **Fare Dodgers: At War with the Law** In London, investigators hunt for a woman thought to owe more than £2,300 in unpaid fares, and attempt to stop her at Chadwell Heath station to question her about 'short faring'.
10.00 **Police Interceptors: Taking Down the Shoplifting Gangs** (r) Officers in Burnley go after prolific suspects, including two brothers whose campaign of shoplifting is out of control, and police prepare a dawn raid as part of Operation Even.
11.05 **Traffic Cops** (r) A reckless motorcyclist puts lives in danger.

12.05 Walter Presents: Everybody Lies **1.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (r) **1.50** FILM: Blue Bayou (2021) Drama, directed by and starring Justin Chon. **3.45** Levison Wood: Walking with Polar Bears (r) **4.40** Hollyoaks Omnibus (r) **5.50** Countdown (r)

12.05 Car Pound Cops (r) **1.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit (r) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (r) **2.50** Castle (r) **3.45** Friends (r) **4.10** Friends (r) **4.35** Cruising with Susan Calman (r) **5.25** Entertainment News on 5 **5.35** Paw Patrol (r) **5.45** The Adventures of Paddington (r)

BBC Radio Scotland
6.00 Radio Scotland Breakfast. **9.00** Mornings. **12.00** Lunchtime Live. **1.30** Radio Scotland Afternoons. **4.00** Drivetime. **6.00** Get It On with Bryan Burnett. **8.00** Vic Galloway. **10.00** Up Late. **12.00** Scotcast. **12.30** As BBC Radio 5 Live.

Classic FM
6.30 Tim Lihoreau. **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Tim Lihoreau. **10.00** Aled Jones. **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall. **4.00** Margherita Taylor. **7.00** Relaxing Evenings with John Brunning. **9.00** Classic FM's Composer Carousel with John Brunning. **10.00** Calm Classics. **1.00** Bill Overton. **4.00** Early Breakfast.

Original 106 FM
6.00 Claire and Pete. **10.00** Martin Ingram. **2.00** Craig Lumsden. **6.00** Lachlan McKenzie. **10.00** Original 106 Night Time. **12.00** Through the Night.

Grampian Hospital Radio
7.00 Breakfast Show. **9.00** Jukebox. **10.00** A-Z of Pop. **11.00** Kay Dee and The Sunshine Show. **1.00** Number Ones at One. **3.00** Golden Memories. **5.00** Monday Extravaganza. **7.00** Request Show. **9.00** Jukebox. **10.00** Nice and Easy. **12.00** After Hours. **1.00** Overnight.

Highland Hospital Radio
7.00 On the Sunny Side of the Street. **8.00** The A to Z of Pop. **9.00** The 50s Hour. **10.00** Please Don't Take Them Away. **11.00** Cinematic Sounds. **12.00** The Rock 'n' Roll Hour. **1.00** The Scottish Hour. **2.00** The Highland Fling. **3.00** Saturday Showcase. **4.00** The Easy Listening Hour. **5.00** The Favourites Mix. **6.00** All New Golden Oldies Show. **7.00** Bedrock. **8.00** Live at Eight. **9.00** Mackintosh's Selection Box. **10.00** The Rock Hour. **11.00** The A to Z of Pop. **12.00** Through the Night.

freeview/satellite

BBC3
7.00 The Catch Up. **7.05** Deadly 60. **8.00** The Great British Sewing Bee. **9.00** Top Gear. **10.00** Silent Witness. **12.00** **FILM:** Red Eye (2005). **1.15** OnlyFans: Inside the Machine. **2.15** My Insta Scammer Friend. **3.00** Vigil.

BBC4
7.00 The Architecture the Railways Built. **7.40** The Flying Gardener. **7.55** The Art of Spain. **9.00** Mastermind. **9.30** Call My Bluff. **10.00** Art on the BBC: Michelangelo – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. **11.00** Art & Design: The Journey – Arena. **11.25** Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes. **12.25** The Flying Gardener. **12.40** The Art of Spain. **1.40** Art & Design: The Journey – Arena. **2.05** Art on the BBC: Michelangelo – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

ITV2
6.00 Backyard Builds. **6.30** Dress to Impress. **7.30** The Real Housewives of Potomac. **8.20** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex. **10.15** Dawson's Creek. **11.10** Charmed. **12.10** Deal or No Deal. **1.10** Supermarket Sweep. **2.10** The Floor. **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex. **4.10** The Real Housewives of Potomac. **5.00** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase. **7.00** The Floor. **8.00** The 1% Club. **9.00** The Only Way Is Essex. **10.00** Family Guy. **11.30** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers. **1.30** Plebs. **1.55** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars. **2.20** Unwind with ITV. **3.00** Teleshopping.

ITV3
6.00 George and Mildred. **7.05** Classic Emmerdale. **8.05** Classic Coronation Street. **9.10** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **11.35** Heartbeat. **1.35** Midsomer Murders. **3.35** Classic Emmerdale. **4.40** Classic Coronation Street. **5.50** Heartbeat. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. **10.00** Grantchester. **11.55** Trial & Retribution. **1.55** George and Mildred. **2.20** Unwind with ITV. **2.30** Teleshopping.

ITV4
6.00 Magnum, PI. **8.05** Robin of Sherwood. **9.10** Boon. **10.10** The Professionals. **11.20** Robin of Sherwood. **12.25** Magnum, PI. **2.35** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes. **3.45** Boon. **4.50** The Professionals. **5.55** Minder. **7.00** Formula E Highlights. **8.00** The Motorbike Show. **9.00** **FILM:** Apollo 13 (1995). Fact-based drama, starring Tom Hanks. **11.50** Star Trek: Strange New Worlds. **1.00** Lost. **1.50** Motorsport UK. **2.45** Unwind with ITV. **3.00** Teleshopping.

SKY ONE
6.00 Mornings. **7.00** Mornings with Ridge and Frost. **8.00** Stargate SG-1. **10.00** Will & Grace. **11.00** The Simpsons. **12.00** Africa's Hunters. **1.00** Hawaii Five-0. **3.00** S.W.A.T. **5.00** The Simpsons. **6.00** Rob & Romesh vs Usain Bolt. **7.00** The Simpsons. **8.00** Agatha Raisin. **10.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. **10.45** Frank Skinner: 30 Years of Dirt. **11.45** Grimm. **12.40** Evil. **1.30** Road Wars.

The Architecture the Railways Built, BBC4, 7pm

2.00 Best Medicine. **3.00** Hawaii Five-0. **4.00** S.W.A.T.

SKY MAIN EVENT
6.00 Sky Sports Catch Up. **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast. **9.00** Good Morning Transfers. **10.00** Sky Sports FC. **12.00** Transfer Talk. **1.00** Lunchtime Live. **2.00** The EFL Show. **3.00** Sports Desk. **4.00** Live Tennis. **7.00** Live EFL. Cardiff City v Wrexham (Kick-off 8pm). **10.30** Live Tennis. The Cincinnati Open. **12.00** Live Tennis. **4.00** Sky Sports News.

SKY CRICKET
6.00 The Hundred Bitesize. **6.15** The Hundred Bitesize. **6.30** The Hundred Bitesize. **6.45** The Hundred Bitesize. **7.00** The Hundred. **11.00** The Hundred Bitesize. **11.15** The Hundred Bitesize. **11.30** The Hundred. **3.00** The Hundred Bitesize. **3.15** The Hundred Bitesize. **3.30** The Hundred. **7.30** The Hundred Bitesize. **7.45** The Hundred Bitesize. **8.00** Test Series Preview: England v Pakistan. **8.45** The Hundred Bitesize. **9.00** Test Cricket. **10.00** Test Series Preview: England v Pakistan. **10.45** Best of ICC WT20. **11.00** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain. **11.30** The Hundred Bitesize. **11.45** The Hundred Bitesize. **12.00** One-Day International Cricket. **3.00** International T20 Cricket. **5.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain.

SKY ACTION
6.00 Betfred Super League. **12.00** NFL Highlights. **1.00** Good Morning Football. **3.00** NFL Highlights. **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights. **5.00** NFL Highlights. **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk. **8.00** The Proving Ground. **8.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights. **9.00** NFL Highlights. **10.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights. **11.00** NFL Highlights. **12.00** The Insiders. **1.00** NFL Highlights. **2.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights. **3.00** Live WNBA. **5.30** Women's Super League. **5.45** Betfred Super League Highlights.

SKY FOOTBALL
6.00 EFL League One Goals. **6.30** EFL League Two Goals. **7.00** EFL Highlights. **10.00** EFL League One Goals. **10.30** EFL League Two Goals. **11.00** EFL. **1.00** EFL Greatest Games. **1.15** EFL Highlights. **2.00** The EFL Show. **3.00** EFL Highlights. **7.00** Live EFL. Cardiff City v Wrexham (Kick-off 8pm). **10.30** EFL Highlights. **11.00** EFL Cup Highlights. **12.00** EFL. **3.00** SPFL Highlights. **3.30** EFL Greatest Games. **4.00** EFL Cup. **5.00** Best Goals: EFL Cup 2021-22. **5.30** EFL Trophy Football.

TNT SPORTS 1
1.30 CPL Highlights. **2.00** MLB Highlights. **3.00** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights. **5.00** FA Community Shield. **6.30** Live MLB. **9.30** MLB Plays of the Week. **10.00** European Rally Championship Highlights. **10.30** CPL Highlights. **11.00** Snooker China Open. **1.00** Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks. **2.00** Men's Cycling World Tour. **3.00** Men's Cycling Pro Series. **4.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload. **4.15** Test Cricket Highlights. **5.15** Live Test Cricket.

TNT SPORTS 2
6.00 Men's Cycling Pro Series. **7.00** Men's Cycling World Tour. **8.00** Men's Cycling Pro Series. **10.00** Tour de France Women. **11.00** The Breakdown. **11.30** British Superbikes. **1.00** Men's Cycling Pro Series. **2.00** Men's Cycling World Tour. **3.00** Men's Cycling Pro Series. **5.00** CPL Highlights. **5.30** UEFA Champions League – Classics. **6.00** Live: Ultimate Pool. **9.30** British Superbikes Highlights. **10.30** UFC. **1.30** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter. **2.30** UFC Reloaded. **5.00** Men's Cycling Pro Series.

MORE4
8.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It. **10.00** Four in a Bed. **12.40** Come Dine with Me. **3.20** Four in a Bed. **5.50** Car S.O.S. **7.55** Grand Designs. **9.00** Celebrity PopMaster TV. **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **12.05** 999: On the Front Line. **1.10** 24 Hours in A&E. **3.20** A Place in the Sun.

BBC ALBA
6.00 Alba Today. **5.00** Daolag-bhreac is Seillean. **5.05** Creag nam Buthaidean. **5.20** Boban is Fuigheag. **5.30** Losgannan/Froglets. **5.35** Meaban is Moo. **5.45** Dòtaman. **5.55** Stòiridh. **6.00** An Teaghlach Rioghail an Ath-dhoras. **6.20** An Sgoil. **6.35** Bogaisean is Gumbalan. **7.00** Fuine. **7.30** SpeakGaelic. **8.00** An Là. **8.30** Mas Fhior. **9.00** Miann na Maighdinn-mara. **9.45** Faodail: Found. **10.00** Transatlantic Sessions: Dlùth an Dàimh. **10.30** An t-Eilean. **11.25** Brunch le Abigail. **11.30** Seòid a' Chidsin – The Kitchen Coves. **12.00** Alba Today.

BBC SCOTLAND
12.00 - 7pm as BBC2 except: **12.00** This Is BBC Scotland. **2.00** Sign Zone: Paramedics on Scene. **3.00** Sign Zone: Beechgrove Garden. **3.30** This Is BBC Scotland. **7.00** Reporting Scotland: News at Seven. **7.30** Sportscene: SWPL Highlights. **8.00** The Mountain. **8.30** Race Against the Tide. **9.00** Interior Design Masters with Alan Carr. **10.00** River City. **10.30** Two Doors Down. **11.00** Scotcast. **11.30** Gary: Tank Commander.

U&GOLD
6.00 Teleshopping. **7.10** Don't Wait Up. **7.50** Dad. **8.30** Only Fools and Horses. **9.10** The Green Green Grass. **9.50** Are You Being Served? **10.30** Last of the Summer Wine. **11.50** Dad. **12.25** Only Fools and Horses. **1.10** Keeping Up Appearances. **1.50** Dad's Army. **2.30** The Green Green Grass. **3.10** Are You Being Served? **3.50** Dad. **4.25** Dad's Army. **5.00** Last of the Summer Wine. **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances. **7.00** Only Fools and Horses. **7.40** Dad's Army. **8.20** Are You Being Served? **9.00** Porridge. **9.40** The Office. **10.20** Not Going Out. **11.00** Mrs Brown's Boys. **12.20** Porridge. **1.00** The Office. **1.35** Not Going Out. **2.25** Mrs Brown's Boys. **3.30** The Green Green Grass. **4.00** Teleshopping.

SKY MIX
6.00 Teleshopping. **7.00** Border Security: America's Front Line. **8.00** Border Patrol. **9.00** Nothing to Declare. **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line. **12.00** Caught on Dashcam. **1.00** Police 24/7. **2.00** Nothing to Declare. **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. **5.00** Stargate SG-1. **6.00** Stargate Universe. **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation. **8.00** Police 24/7. **9.00** Evil. **10.00** Caught on Dashcam. **11.00** Grimm. **12.00** Fantasy Island. **1.00** Police 24/7. **2.00** Road Wars. **3.00** Highway Patrol. **4.00** Border Patrol. **5.00** Highway Patrol.

FILM4
11.00 The Son of Robin Hood (1958). **12.40** The Comancheros (1961). **2.50** Man in the Saddle (1951). **4.35** Charade (1963). **6.50** Fisherman's Friends: One and All (2022). Comedy sequel, starring James Purefoy. **9.00** Brassed Off (1996). Drama, starring Pete Postlethwaite and Ewan McGregor. **11.10** Glass (2019). Thriller, starring James McAvoy, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson. **1.45** Cuban Fury (2014).

U&DAVE
6.00 Teleshopping. **7.25** Top Gear. **8.15** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers. **10.20** Rick Stein's Cornwall. **11.20** Yukon Gold. **12.20** Top Gear. **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing. **3.00** Guy Martin: Proper Jobs. **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **5.00** Rick Stein's Cornwall. **7.05** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing. **7.40** Would I Lie to You? **8.20** Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits. **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. **10.00** QI XL. **11.00** Taskmaster. **12.00** Mock the Week. **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits. **2.00** QI XL. **3.00** Richard Osman's House of Games. **3.30** Parks and Recreation. **4.00** Teleshopping.

CODEWORD

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. We have decoded some letters to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the grid then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

1	14	5	22	■	23	1	6	5	10	8	13	12
■	11	■	5	■	1	■	11	■	1	■	26	■
2	22	26	25	2	12	■	26	11	21	1	13	10
■	22	■	6	■	18	■	25	■	5	■	11	■
15	5	16	1	10	11	25	5	■	10	5	12	3
■	20	■	10	■	■	■	12	■	■	11	■	■
19	13	22	18	■	16	12	11	23	25	10	11	23
■	2	■	5	■	1	■	22	■	10	■	17	■
2	22	25	10	5	23	2	15	■	11	6	11	3
■	■	2	■	■	3	■	■	■	21	■	26	■
24	2	22	16	■	10	5	15	15	5	22	5	15
■	22	■	10	■	2	■	2	■	10	■	14	■
5	15	4	2	22	4	■	21	5	26	26	5	12
■	5	■	14	■	9	■	5	■	5	■	22	■
5	7	23	5	16	25	5	15	■	15	11	25	5

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2 I	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 T	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 N	23	24	25	26

Saturday's solution:

K	U	J	A	B	Z	E	C	Y	F	I	P	Q
O	X	H	V	M	D	N	L	G	T	S	W	R

SUDOKU - Easy

There is just one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and so must each 3 x 3 box. This is a logic puzzle and you should not have to guess.

			5					3
	2					4		
6		9			8		2	
			9		5	8		
		8	1					
5		3		2	6			1
2			4	5		3		
3							7	
	8	6	2			5		

Saturday's solution:

3	2	4	1	5	7	8	6	9
1	6	7	9	8	3	4	2	5
8	5	9	4	6	2	3	1	7
5	4	8	3	1	6	7	9	2
7	1	3	2	9	4	6	5	8
2	9	6	5	7	8	1	4	3
4	7	2	6	3	9	5	8	1
6	8	1	7	2	5	9	3	4
9	3	5	8	4	1	2	7	6

SUGURU ®

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2 a three-cell block contains the digits 1 2 and 3; and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.

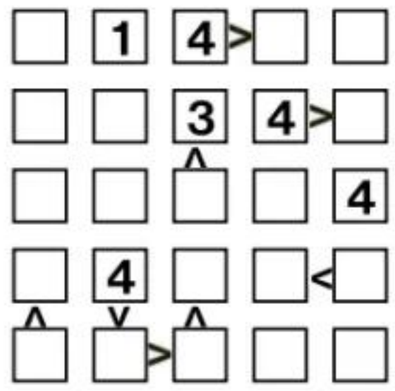
				4	
4		3			
		3	5		
				4	

Saturday's solution:

1	5	3	2	5	4
3	2	1	4	1	3
4	5	3	2	5	4
1	2	4	1	3	1
5	3	5	2	4	5
2	4	1	3	1	2

FUTOSHIKI

Fill the blank squares so each row and column contains all the numbers 1 to 5. Use any given numbers and the symbols telling you if the number in the square is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.



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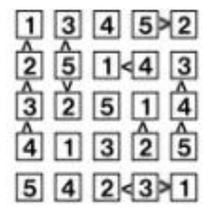
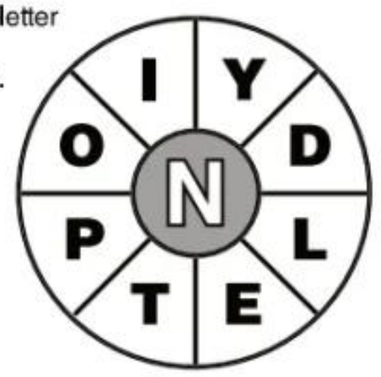


WORD WHEEL

You have 10 minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



Saturday's solution:

Ache, Aitch, Chafe, Chai, Chain, Chant, Chat, Cheat, Chef, Chia, Chief, Chin, China, Chine, Chit, Each, Etch, Ethic, Ethnic, Faith, Fetch, Fiche, Finch, Haft, Hain, Hate, Heat, Heft, Hint, Inch, Itch, Neath, Niche, Tahini, Teach, Tench, Than, Thane, Then, Thief, Thin, Thine, Tich, CHIEFTAIN.

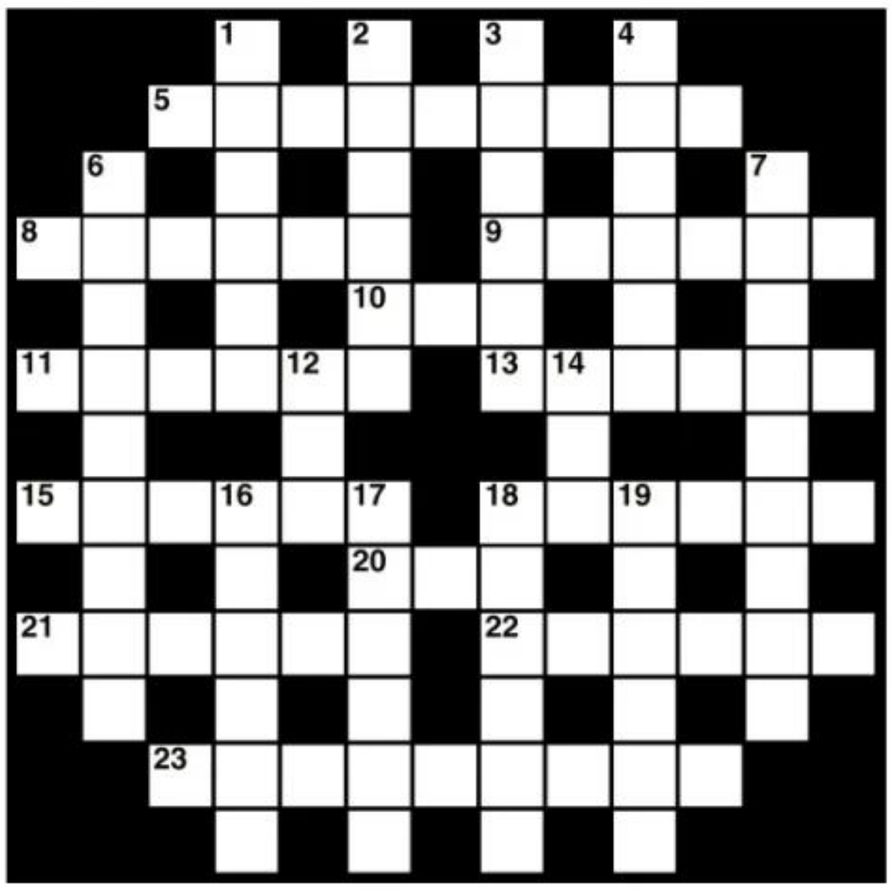
SET SQUARE

All the digits from 1 to 9 are used in this grid, but only once. Can you work out their positions in the grid and make the sums work?

	+	5	+		= 17
+		−		×	
	+		+		= 18
+		×		−	
	+	2	×		= 21
=		=		=	
16		2		17	

Saturday's solution:

6	×	8	÷	4
+		+		+
3	+	7	÷	2
+		+		−
9	+	5	÷	1



CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

5 Right after correcting diatonic sign (9)
8 Settled on a selfish trait (6)
9 Determined to tear through the outskirts of Dublin (6)
10 Law-breaking tool (3)
11 Blue and spotted with soot (6)
13 Listen in to insect (6)
15 Partly rotten, Amelia's tooth covering (6)
18 People run amok keeping back gardener's aid (6)
20 Disrobing while holding sash (3)
21 Creature to march and charge endlessly (6)
22 Confuse vet Ian, a local inhabitant (6)
23 Depressed? Less than in Australia (4,5)

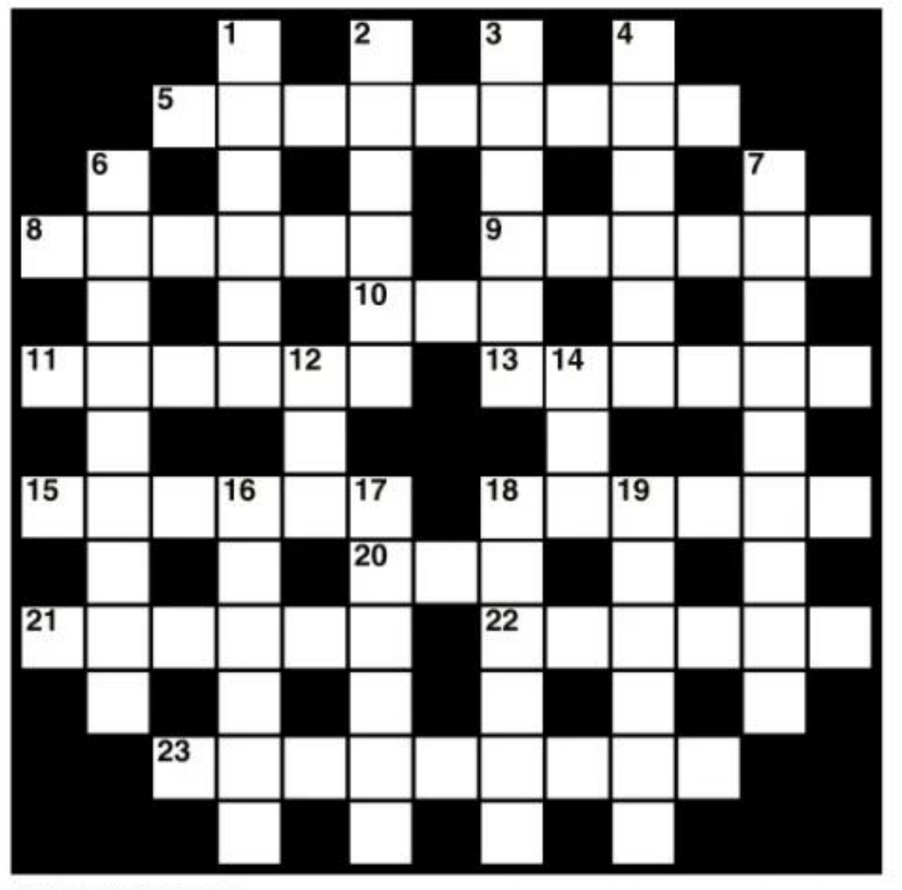
DOWN

1 Eat in dining establishment (6)
2 'A' is about twelve (6)
3 Cope with some underhand leaders (6)
4 Office imitator? (6)
6 Narcissist to proceed into a cinema, perhaps (9)
7 Note to make me Eve's rib! (9)
12 Heard language connection (3)
14 Commander another time not in (3)
16 I'm back with luxury car, or feature of it (6)
17 Fault in record when one goal down? (6)
18 Chinese porcelain maintains fashionable underground industry (6)
19 Being more stylish, one missed the chinwag (6)

Saturday's solution:

CRYPTIC - ACROSS: **1** Tangent **5** Plush **8** Scrap **9** Monster **10** Elevate **11** Squad **12** Assent **14** Pathos **18** Macaw **20** Catcall **22** Theorem **23** Capri **24** Overs **25** Sidecar **DOWN:** **1** Tessera **2** Nerve **3** Explain **4** Timber **5** Pants **6** Untruth **7** Herod **13** Secrete **15** Antacid **16** Saltier **17** Scamps **18** Motto **19** Wards **21** Aspic.

QUICK - ACROSS: **1** Spangle **5** Anger **8** Edict **9** Utterly **10** Inspect **11** Yearn **12** Sparse **14** Meteor **18** Snoop **20** Autocue **22** Gnarled **23** Tiara **24** Scope **25** Element **DOWN:** **1** Species **2** Arias **3** Gutless **4** Equity **5** Aptly **6** Garbage **7** Rayon **13** Avocado **15** Entitle **16** Re-enact **17** Paddle **18** Sighs **19** Pulse **21** Crane.



QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

5 Favourable, auspicious (9)
8 Two-piece swimsuit (6)
9 Frozen spike of water (6)
10 Bolt, lock (3)
11 Breathe noisily (6)
13 Any one of two (6)
15 Public speaker (6)
18 Very happy (6)
20 Large rounded vase (3)
21 Chief nurse (6)
22 Sports top (1-5)
23 English Civil War protagonists (9)

DOWN

1 Commend (6)
2 Absorb or drink (6)
3 Strive for higher things (6)
4 Join the forces (6)
6 Person earning a living at sea (9)
7 Ingredient of traditional American pie (9)
12 Animal collection (3)
14 Ailing (3)
16 Paving material (6)
17 Airstrip (6)
18 Involve (6)
19 Onto the beach (6)

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PATHFINDER

Starting from the highlighted letter, move up or down or sideways (but not diagonally), to find the path through the listed words.

B	B	T	O	O	H	W	T	R	E	T	T	A
L	O	G	E	E	P	E	E	T	S	N	C	H
E	S	C	H	H	L	N	S	W	A	O	R	E
U	Q	S	S	I	R	A	T	N	R	R	T	T
E	A	K	B	A	R	G	R	U	B	L	T	T
Z	S	C	U	C	K	P	L	O	R	E	W	I
Z	C	K	O	C	A	T	E	A	C	H	O	W
U	R	E	O	Y	A	E	Y	K	W	O	A	W
B	K	E	C	H	R	R	W	A	O	W	I	H
I	E	E	L	B	B	K	L	U	L	L	M	I
R	H	A	T	S	A	W	B	E	L	R	R	N
P	S	C	F	Q	U	L	I	H	G	N	U	N
R	I	H	O	O	W	L	R	T	I	E	P	Y

BARK
BELLOW
BLEAT
BRAY
BUZZ
CATERWAUL
CHATTER
CHEEP
CHIRP
CROAK
CUCKOO
GOBBLE
GRUNT
HISS
HOOT
HOWL
MIAOW
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SCREECH
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YELP

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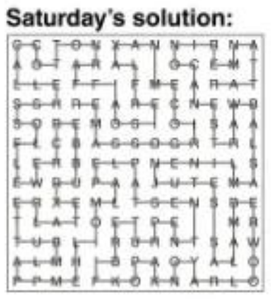
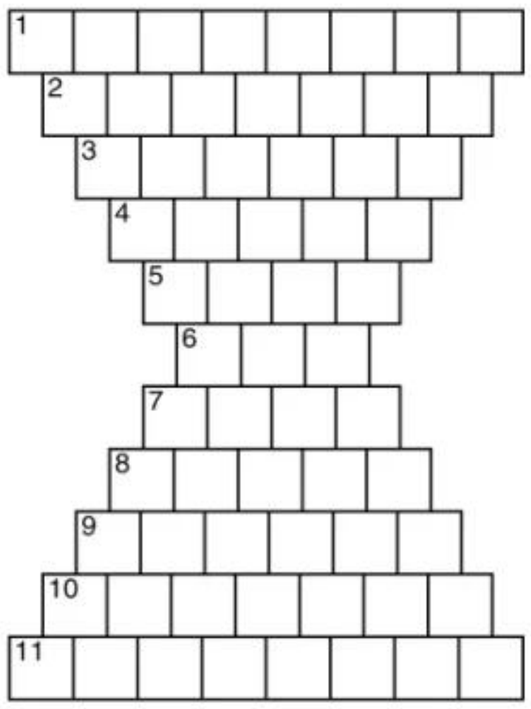


BRICK WORK

Enter the answers to the clues in the bricks in the wall. Every word contains the same letters as its neighbour, plus or minus one.



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Saturday's solution:

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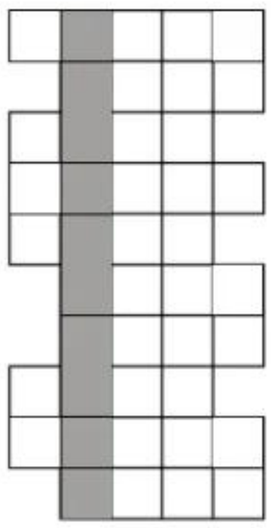

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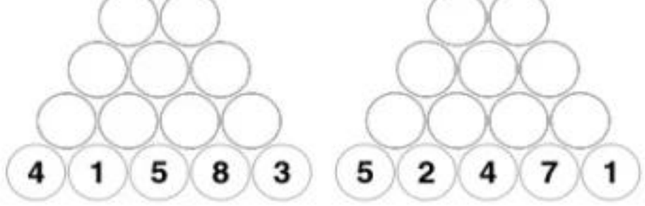

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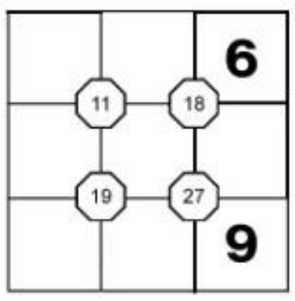

Saturday's solution:
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gives today's predictions

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Today's wonderful for doing something romantic for your partner or spouse. If you're hoping to meet your match, today's also favourable for going on a date or meeting someone new.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
Set aside time to meditate, journal or reflect. It can help you connect with your intuition.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
Accomplishing a goal may not be as impossible as you might think. You just need a practical plan of action. Meanwhile, love is in the air!

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
If you're feeling unsure of yourself, try redirecting your focus by making a list of your accomplishments – both big and small.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
Today may not be the best time for executing a plan, but it's a good day for brainstorming one. Getting feedback or ideas from others could be useful, too.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
You'll find the day best for working alone or doing behind-the-scenes work.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
Be direct and tell someone what you need, rather than being indirect about it. You'll get much better results.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
Being realistic about what you can accomplish today will help you avoid overextending yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
Attending a social gathering or event could be very productive for you, whether you're hoping to make new friends or business connections.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
Carve out alone time for yourself. Find some peace of mind amid the busyness of our world.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
If you want to stay on track with a goal, you may need to enlist the help of someone who can assist you in doing it.

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A practical approach toward money could help you make more if it – or at least conserve what you have.

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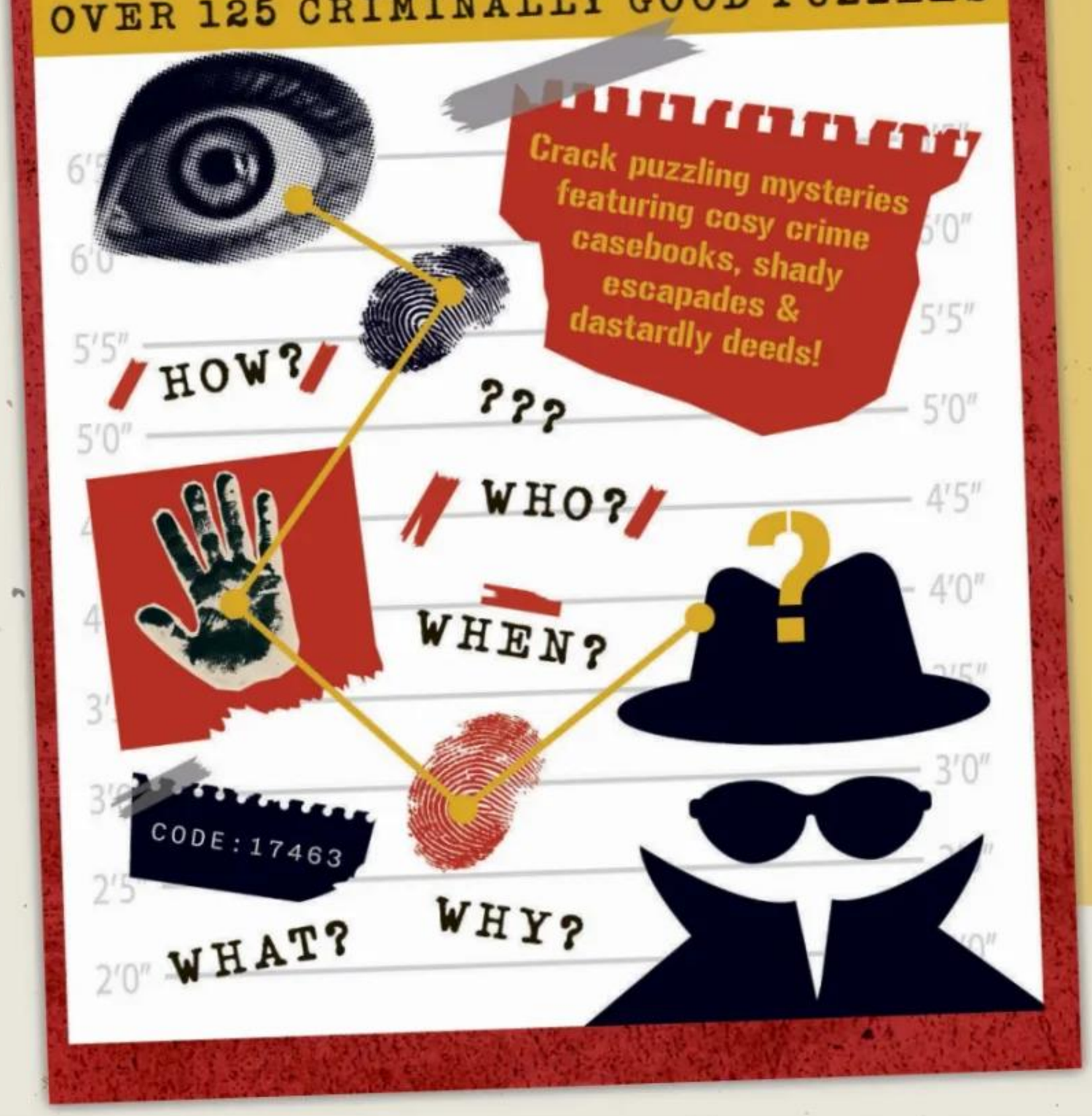

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Ntelo has more to come, says boss

BY SEAN WALLACE

Aberdeen boss Stephen Robinson has hailed new signing Mitchy Ntelo as a "clinical" finisher and insists the best is yet to come from the Belgian.

Robinson pitched the 25-year-old in for a starting debut in the emphatic 3-0 Premier Sports Cup win against Dundee at Pittodrie.

Signed for a six-figure fee from Swiss club Yverdon-Sport FC, Ntelo scored a superb 15-yard drive to make it 2-0.

The forward had only trained for three days with the Dons prior to the second round cup clash. The attacker had not played competitively since May, when he featured on loan for Botev Vratsa in the Bulgarian top-flight.

Ntelo had not played in a game at all since a friendly for Yverdon-Sport FC against Basel last month – where he netted a brace. But Dons gaffer Robinson saw enough quality to start Ntelo.

Striker Kevin Nisbet scored a brace to take his goal tally to nine for the season as Aberdeen stormed into the quarter-finals.

Ntelo penned a two-year contract and the Dons hold the option to extend that by another 12 months.

Robinson said: "Mitchy was clinical. To score a goal on your debut is a great way to start if you are a striker.

"Mitchy has done a pre-season with no real games.

"He last played against Basel and scored two goals four weeks ago. It was a big ask of me to throw him in because he's trained three days.

"I'm really pleased with him, but Mitchy is not the finished article.

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Afeez Aremu

Aremu dreams of top six and cup triumph

Afeez Aremu believes Aberdeen can have a "different season" as he targeted winning the Premier Sports Cup and explained the fitness efforts which have set him up to "smash it" this term.

The industrious central midfielder was a candidate for man of the match on Saturday.

Head coach Stephen Robinson's squad has been revamped with 13 new signings so far this summer.

Aremu believes it has been a "good start" to the campaign for the rebuilt Reds, who have six wins in seven matches.

After a ninth-placed finish in the Premiership last season, the Nigerian says Aberdeen's initial league target is the top six but he also wants some early silverware.

"It was a good start for us and a lot of good signings and a lot of quality players, who we know can help us this season," Aremu said.

"I think we can make something out of the season. I think it's going to be a different season.

"We're aiming for the top six. Now we're going to the quarter-final and we're looking forward to winning this trophy.

"The gaffer has won this cup before (with St Mirren last term), so I think it's not going to be a problem if he wins it again.

"It's one of the reasons I came to this club – to win titles and to play in Europe, which is one of my dreams and the reason I came to this club."

Magic Mitchy casts

WINNING WAYS: Mitchy Ntelo takes a selfie with a young supporter after a mighty performance against Dundee in the Premier Sports Cup.

Aberdeen	3
Dundee	0

BY SEAN WALLACE AT PITTODRIE

HOW THEY LINED UP

ABERDEEN (4-4-2) – Muller 7; Cadden 7, Happe 7, Mayo 7, Guinness-Walker 8; Yogane 7 (Smith 77), Aremu 8 (Marshall 87), Ronan 8 (Briedl 66); Ntelo 8 (Armstrong 66); Olusanya 7, Nisbet 8 (Mouloua 77). Subs not used – Suman, Molloy, Milne, Fasanya.

DUNDEE (4-2-3-1) – Goodman 6; Wright 5, Astley 5, O. Bevan 5, Odutayo 5; Finnigan 6, Hamilton 6; J. Bevan 6 (Forrest 69), Westley 6, Reilly 6 (Besir 69); Murray 3 (Robertson 32). Subs not used: O'Hara, Halliday, Leiper, Oosenbrugh, Crombie, Bland.

Referee – Nick Walsh.

Man of the match – Connor Ronan.

Aberdeen have unearthed a new attacking star with summer signing Mitchy Ntelo scoring a sensational goal on his debut

The Belgian was pitched into the starting line-up against Dundee only seven days after signing for an undisclosed six-figure fee from Swiss club Yverdon-Sport.

Ntelo repaid boss Stephen Robinson's faith with a superb strike to make it 2-0 and a key role in another goal in the 3-0 Premier Sports Cup win.

In booking a quarter-final slot, Aberdeen delivered revenge and redemption for a dismal 2-0 loss against Dundee at Dens Park last weekend.

Captain Kevin Nisbet scored a brace to take his goal tally to nine in all competitions.

He opened the scoring from close range after efforts by Chris Cadden and Toyosi Olusanya had been blocked.

MEMORABLE DEBUT FOR NTELO

Ntelo was pitched in for a starting debut just days after his international clearance arrived.

It was a show of faith by Robinson in the attacker so soon after his signing.

The 25-year-old's class was clear in a six-minute spell when he scored and helped create another goal.

In the 57th minute, Olusanya played a low pass into the box.

Ntelo waited for the ball to move alongside him under pressure from defenders, then swivelled and bulleted a 15-yard left-footed drive beyond keeper Owen Goodman to score.

Moments later he had a hand in the Dons' third goal.

Tony Yogane fired a low cross in from the left and Ntelo brilliantly stepped over the ball 12 yards out at the near post as he was aware of Nisbet's run.

His dummy allowed the pass to run to Nisbet who drilled into the top corner from 12 yards.

Ntelo was on the right flank and brought energy and graft in the first half.

His excursions cutting in and running across the Dundee back-line opened up space for Nisbet and Olusanya.

Prior to signing, the forward had not played competitively since the end of last season when he was

a spell for Dons

Kevin Nisbet celebrates the opening goal at Pittodrie as Aberdeen moved into the League Cup quarter-finals; below, Mitchy Ntelo scores the Dons' second with a superb finish, and Tony Yogane and Nisbet enjoy the strike for 3-0.

on loan at Bulgarian club Botev Vratsa.

However, he arrived at Pittodrie having scored in each of his last five games in Bulgaria, and six times in that prolific run from April to May.

He was substituted off to a standing ovation in the 66th minute, replaced by Stuart Armstrong.

REDS REDEMPTION AFTER DUNDEE LOSS

Robinson had been brutally honest in his assessment of his rebuilt side after the 2-0 loss at Dundee last weekend.

He slated the performance as "unacceptable", highlighting bad decisions in and out of possession and claimed the players, and himself, emerged from Dens Park with "zero credit". Facing Dundee again a week later was the chance to secure immediate redemption and prove the loss was only the "bump in the road" Robinson claimed.

REDEMPTION FOR GUINNESS-WALKER AND YOGANE

Aberdeen had been vulnerable on the left flank, with Joe Bevan running riot at Dens Park against left-back Nesta Guinness-Walker and winger Tony Yogane.

In Saturday's Premier Sports Cup clash, Robinson retained faith with summer signings Guinness-Walker and Yogane in the starting line-up.

Their challenge was to limit Bevan's impact.

And it was mission accomplished as the winger was substituted off midway through the second half.

Guinness-Walker stayed tight on Bevan and limited his time and influence.

In the 34th minute, the Dons left-back won possession off Bevan and then bombed up the left flank on the counter-attack.

However, as he began his run, Guinness-Walker's knee caught Bevan in the head.

It was completely accidental and as Bevan received treatment on the pitch for a number of minutes, the Dons defender stood close by, looking on anxiously.

Bevan was given the all-clear to continue.

In the 42nd minute, Bevan embarked on a powerful run down the right, chased down by Yogane who put him under pressure.

As Bevan cut inside, Guinness-Walker slid in with a perfectly judged left-footed sliding tackle to dispossess the winger.

Guinness-Walker then quickly got up to his feet, collected the ball and recycled possession to start a counter attack.

It was symptomatic of how Guinness-Walker and Yogane worked together to nullify the impact of Bevan.

Yogane and Guinness-Walker also brought an attacking threat on the flank.

And winger Yogane also pitched in with an assist when his cross from the left was fired in by Nisbet for the Dons' third and final goal.

Ntelo may take wing as a centre forward

FAN VIEW CHRIS CRIGHTON

In Mitchy Ntelo, Aberdeen fans were advised to expect a player who, though versatile, would make his real impact from the flanks.

On the evidence of his debut, whoever filed that scouting report might be keeping their head down for a while.

Ntelo looks like a centre forward, moves like a centre forward, and – thankfully – finishes like a centre forward. Abductive reasoning may indicate where his major contributions are actually likely to come from.

It was particularly notable that Ntelo's blazing goal came after being fed by Toyosi Olusanya, coming off the wing where he'd been stationed himself.

Ntelo barely touched the ball in his stint on the right, while Olusanya through the middle continued to look like he would be one of the best players in the league if football measured its score in something other than goals. Switching them at the break clicked the puzzle into place and allowed Aberdeen to seize control, the ball spending the first five minutes of the second period in Dundee's half then, eventually, their goal.

Not without some curious contributions from those wearing blue, right enough.

Had Ryan Finnigan not gone in hard on his own player, and Nick Walsh not summoned the Dundee physio when Joe Bevan was already righting himself, the Dons wouldn't have been pushing to break the deadlock against 10 players; had Idris Odutayo not elected to welly the drop-ball off the park they would not have enjoyed possession for those full 60 seconds, every one used in construction of the opener.

Robinson holds high hopes for his new star

From Back Page

"He'll get better and better as the weeks go on."

Ntelo initially started on the right, but Robinson switched his position at half-time to play him more centrally.

Robinson insists Ntelo underlined his versatility by the way he responded to the change.

The Dons boss said: "We changed a little bit at half-time and put Mitchy right through the middle and Toy (Olusanya) slightly wider, as we thought Toy might give us that penetration in behind.

"He's a very good footballer and adds that little bit of pace and quality in any of the areas that we can play him in.

"So he's versatile. It allows us to play with the team a little bit during the game, which is good without having to make changes.

"Toy is also very versatile and causes problems. Toy played his part in Mitchy's goal really well.

"We've got good options which you saw with the players we brought on such as Lewis (Smith) and Ayoub (Mouloua).

"And young (Findlay) Marshall as well, which is more minutes for a really exciting young prospect."

Aberdeen bounced back from defeat to Dundee in the league last weekend, to reach the last-eight of the cup Robinson has already tasted glory in.

Robinson said: "When we lose my job is to give players confidence and not react to results – because sometimes results comes with emotion.

"When you lose, it doesn't matter how you play, people only see the result. When you win, they only see the result."

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Dons net Killie tie as Hibs travel to County

Aberdeen will travel to Kilmarnock in the quarter-final stage of the Premier Sports Cup, while Ross County will host Hibernian.

The Dons earned their place in the last eight of the competition with a 3-0 home win against Dundee, while the Staggies won 2-1 at Dunfermline Athletic to earn their place in yesterday's draw.

In the other quarter-final ties Rangers will take on Celtic in a Glasgow derby and Stenhousemuir's reward for shocking Motherwell is a home tie against Hearts.

The ties will be played on the weekend of September 12-13.

● Aberdeen were beaten 6-0 by Hearts at Ainslie Park in their opening match of the SWPL season.

Carly Johns opened the scoring for the Jambos after 13 minutes before Marina Speckmaier doubled the advantage a minute later.

Irish striker Ellen Dolan made it 3-0 four minutes before the break.

Second-half goals from Jenny Smith, Ava Crawford and Speckmaier capped a tough day for the Dons.

Meanwhile, Elgin City capitalised on a first-half sending off for Inverness Caledonian Thistle's Maisie Hoath to win 8-2 in the Scottish Women's Championship with Norwegian striker Mia Lundberg scoring a second-half hat-trick for City.

Mia Lundberg.

Staggies make quarters after seeing off Pars

Dunfermline Athletic	1
Ross County	2

BY PAUL CHALK AT EAST END PARK

League One side Ross County deservedly defeated Championship hosts Dunfermline Athletic 2-1 to book a Premier Sports Cup quarter-final tie at home to Hibernian.

Jamie Lindsay headed County to victory in the second half in a tie in which the Highlanders had carved open the best opportunities.

Midfielder Allan Oyirwoth, who had come off the bench for his debut after moving on loan from MSL side New England Revolution, equalised to set up a nail-biting finale.

With both teams going for it at East End Park, County netted their second when substitute Richard Chin lashed home the winner.

County, League Cup winners in 2016, last reached the last eight three years ago when Aberdeen won 2-1 in Dingwall.

Delighted County manager Stuart Kettlewell explained why the performance impressed him as much as the result.

He said: "Over the piece, we were the better side, but that's not to say we didn't have to weather a bit of a storm.

"We had to show incredible character. When you come here and get your noses in front and then you're pegged back, the crowd's tails are up. Dunfermline were at that point playing better.

"We had to dig deep into our reserves during that period of the game. We had the character, but also the bit of quality with the winning goal from Richard Chin.

"To come here and get into the next round of the cup makes it a good day for us. We showed two sides to what you need to be successful in this country.

"You need to be able to play well, to have footballers who can handle the ball, but there are times when you're taken into the trenches."

Kettlewell, who always believed his team would have enough to come through the tie even after missing early chances, was not planning to watch the draw.

He added: "I won't follow what happens (with the draw). I've always been the same.

"All I wanted to do is come here and get into the hat for the next round.

"What happens after that, I can't control. What the players could control was their performance and they got their deserved victory. We did that exceptionally well."

Of his match-winner, the County boss added: "Richard has had a really good pre-season and has been unfortunate not to start the last two (league) games.

"We felt that all the wide and creative players operate at a good level.

"It's good for me that we're able to pick and choose what you feel is right for certain players in certain games.

"You can see by Richard's body language. He is not sulking or feeling sorry for himself because he's not starting. He believes he's going to come on and win it for us."

County, who were relegated from the Championship in May, have kicked off their League One campaign with narrow wins over Peterhead and Montrose so far.

Neil Lennon's Pars, who beat top-flight St Mirren to reach the knock-out stages, were Scottish Cup runners-up last season and defeated Hibs, Aberdeen and Falkirk on the way to Hampden, but this time they felt the anguish.

After making 10 changes for Tuesday's 2-1 KDM Evolution Trophy win at Elgin City, Kettlewell made just one change from the team which beat Montrose 2-1 last week, with Connor Randall replacing suspended Dylan Smith at right-back.

An early opportunity fell the way of County captain Brian Graham when he met a cross from Lewis Reid, who knocked a Lewis Strapp free-kick into his path, but Aston Oxborough was equal to it.

And the Pars keeper clawed away another Graham effort moments later, this time from a Luke McCarvel cut-back.

And, from another free-kick at the edge of the box, Lindsay beat the wall, but his strike came back off the right post.

Dunfermline's first chance of note arrived on 19 minutes when a swift move down the left flank ended with Chris Kane's shot being held by Brad Foster after a low delivery from Andrew Tod.

Andrew Tod looked like opening the scoring on 36 minutes when, from a quickly taken free-kick, he weaved past his markers and his shot from the edge of the box was gathered by Foster.

Just before the hour mark, County were in front when Lindsay headed home from close range when he met a cross from Jack Turner.

Dunfermline upped the ante and drew level with 12 minutes to go as Oyirwoth tapped home from close range to finish off a fine move which involved subs Lobban and Cooper and then the provider Alfons Amade.

However, County secured the victory when, from a fine Graham through ball, Chin burst through on goal and sent a searing shot high beyond Oxborough.

HOW THEY LINED UP

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC (3-4-2-1) – Oxborough 7; J Tod 6, Donnelly 6, Robinson 6 (Cooper 59), Kearney 6 (Lobban 59), Amade 7, Gilmour 6 (Oyirwoth 59), Fraser 7, A Tod 7, Shaw 6, Kane 5 (Morrison 46). Dibaga, Abdulai, Rudden, Bray, Adams.

ROSS COUNTY (4-1-4-1) – Foster 7; Randall 7, Wright 6, L Reid 6 (Williamson 81), Strapp 6, Docherty 7 (Phillips 79), McCarvel 6 (Chin 71), Turner 6 (Cornelius 71), Lindsay 7, Emslie 6, Graham 7. Subs not used: Wade, Forrester, Macleod, J Reid, Jamieson.

Referee – Ryan Lee.

Man of the match – Brian Graham.

CHIN MUSIC: Ross County

Richard Chin was County's match-winner.

Chin knows he has to raise his game

Ross County's Premier Sports Cup match-winner Richard Chin admits he will have to raise his game in order to win his place back in the Staggies' starting line-up.

The Malaysian international, who was born in London, was a youth player at Charlton, and moved to Ross County from Raith in June, scored a thunderous strike to earn the Highland League One side a 2-1 victory at Championship hosts Dunfermline on Saturday.

His goal with five minutes to go came just 14 minutes after he stepped off the bench to replace Luke McCarvel, who got the nod to start ahead of him in opening-season league victories against Peterhead and Montrose.

Chin also scored in last Tuesday's 2-1 win at Elgin City and in the 3-1 Premier Sports Cup win against Clyde last month.

The 23-year-old explained how his team-mates' red-hot form is making it a challenge to

winger Richard Chin fires in the winner as the Staggies book their spot in the last eight of the Premier Sports Cup.

Jamie Lindsay, above, celebrates the opener before Allan Oyirwoth, above right, scores the equaliser.

to nail down a spot in County's starting line-up

land a place back in the starting 11. He said: "It's always frustrating not to start. The boys, to be fair, started really well.

"I'm going to have to raise my game and keep performing to that level to try and get in the team.

"Whenever I'm on the pitch, I try to do my best and help contribute as much as I can with goals and assists as well as defensively."

And he was asked what Kettlewell's words of advice were before he entered the tie just moments before Dunfermline debutant Allan Oyirwoth cancelled out Jamie Lindsay's opener.

He said: "I know I'm quick, so it was just to try and run in behind and help stretch the game a little bit.

"The manager has a lot of faith in me, so he didn't have to say too much. He just wanted me to go out there and play."

A switch from Kirkcaldy is a change of scene for Chin, but even more so from his home area of south-east London, but the winger is lapping it up. He added: "I'm enjoying my life in Dingwall.

"Compared to London, it's a nice change. It's very peaceful and calm, so I am in a good place to just focus on my football.

"Walking into training in the morning is really good. It's a bit different from the M25."

New strikers hitting form pleases Hoops manager O'Neill

DUNDEE UTD	0
CELTIC	4

Manager Martin O'Neill is encouraged by Celtic's goalscoring form ahead of two of the biggest games of their season.

The Hoops were ruthless in a 4-0 Premier Sports Cup win over Dundee United, which followed a 5-1 victory over Kilmarnock and which has earned Celtic a quarter-final tie against Rangers.

Celtic failed to reach the Champions League last year after drawing a blank over 210 minutes against Kairat Almaty after a frustrating summer transfer window which sparked a breakdown in relations between the board and Brendan Rodgers.

This year Celtic go into the Champions League play-offs with two new strikers. Camilo Duran was on target at Tannadice after the other, Kasper Hogh, hit a hat-trick at Rugby Park.

Auston Trusty headed home from a corner and Sebastien Tounekti scored on the break, while Benjamin Nygren continued his excellent start to the season by taking his tally to three goals and three assists.

"It does give you encouragement," O'Neill said. "The centre-forward (Hogh), he's linked up well. He obviously wants to get into the penalty area, but he's a very fine centre-forward. He'll thrive on goals like any centre-forward.

"But overall that's something that I felt we missed last season. He's strong, and his hold-up play, he wants to improve that and I think he's doing fine.

"I think we've got goalscorers in the side. That was always a concern last season. We conjured goals, and we won big games. But Daizen Maeda, almost single-handedly took it upon himself to score the goals. Now I think that there are goals from different areas."

Celtic host LASK on Wednesday in the first of a double-header against the Austrian champions. While Duran and Hogh hit the ground running, Celtic's only other two summer arrivals were given a first brief introduction at Tannadice.

German midfielder Mika Baur was first to get on after his move from Paderborn and could feature heavily against LASK following Arne Engels' move to West Ham and news of a European suspension for Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who started at Tannadice.

However, Celtic fans will have to wait longer to see winger Haissem Hassan get fully up to speed following his move from Real Oviedo.

Camilo Duran was on the scoresheet.

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ICT fade as comeback for nought at Hearts

TO THE FOUR: James

Ryan Duncan draws Caley

Hearts	6
Caley Thistle	2

BY PAUL CHALK AT TYNECASTLE

Championship side Caley Thistle suffered a 6-2 defeat against Premiership runners-up Hearts in the second round of the Premier Sports Cup – with four goals inside the closing 10 minutes and stoppage time.

After an early Alfie Bavidge goal was chalked off for offside for the Highlanders, right-back Christian Borchgrevink put the Edinburgh team in front with a header just after an overturned penalty decision for the hosts.

ICT ensured no further damage in the first half and turned the tie around early in the second half with goals from Ryan Duncan and Bavidge.

Rogers Mato swiftly equalised for Hearts in a pulsating period and the game was on a knife-edge.

A Calvin Miller penalty, a James Wilson header, Claudio Braga and another Miller goal inside the last 10 minutes and stoppage time earned Hearts an incredible result.

Inverness, who were League One winners in May, are finding their feet back in the second tier and they were up against a Hearts side now under the management of Belgian coach Wouter Vrancken, who replaced Derek McInnes after he moved on to boss Rangers.

This tie was reward for Caley Thistle winning Group F, helped by beating top-flight St Johnstone 1-0 in the Highlands.

Inverness have posted two notable cup triumphs against Hearts over the years.

The clubs' first meeting was a 3-1 ICT win at Tynecastle in the Scottish Cup in 2002, while in 2014, a remarkable penalty shoot-out triumph in a game where they ended with nine men took them into the League Cup final when they lost in spot-kicks against Aberdeen.

Since then, Hearts had beaten ICT three times in this competition at Tynecastle – in 2018, 2020 and 2021.

Overall, Inverness had not won in Gorgie since a 2-0 Premiership victory there in December 2013 and it had been five successive losses at the home of Hearts.

From the team which drew 0-0 at Arbroath last week, Inverness head coach Scott Kellacher made just one midfield switch, with Paul Allan coming in for Liam Sole.

Hearts drew 1-1 with Benfica in a 7-2 aggregate loss on Thursday in the Europa League third qualifying round and were looking to build on last weekend's 4-0 league win against Dundee United to keep their domestic form on track.

Inverness, unbeaten over their first six games this season, thought they had marched into an early lead when Aberdeen loanees Alfie Stewart and Bavidge combined, with the latter slamming the ball home from his team-mate's pass.

However, after a VAR check, an offside call against Bavidge meant it remained goalless.

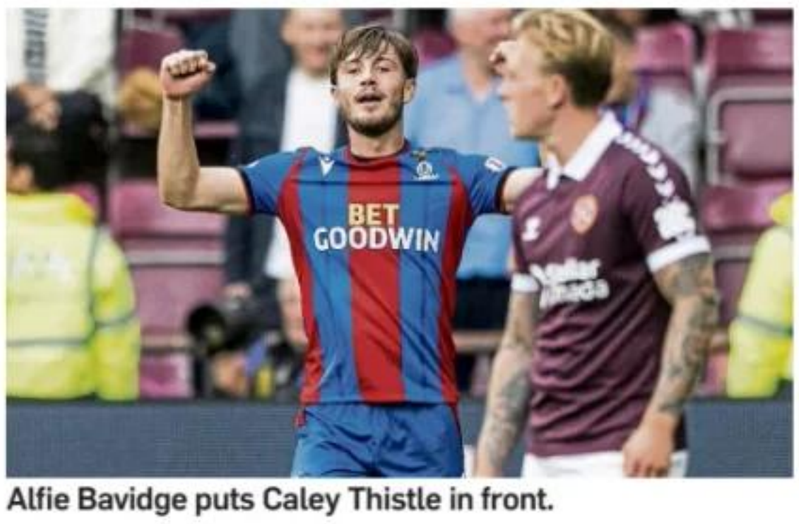
Hearts were jolted by this and thought they had won a penalty on 14 minutes when Graeme Shinnie brought Amadou Ba-Sy down and ref Calum Scott pointed to the spot. After a VAR check, a free-kick on the edge of the box was given but the drama was not over.

After Sabah Kerjota's free-kick was blocked, Borchgrevink raced on to the loose ball and hooked his header over goalkeeper Ross Munro to score his first goal for the club.

It was a strange goal but Inverness stood strong after this despite the hosts being clearly lifted.

Yet, on 32 minutes, it was almost 2-0 when Kerjota slammed his shot off the crossbar after meeting a cut-back from the impressive Ba-Sy.

Kellacher's side displayed attacking intent in early points of the second half, and they drew level on 52 minutes when ex-Aberdeen midfielder Duncan slammed home the leveller



Alfie Bavidge puts Caley Thistle in front.

'The last 10 minutes, I would like to forget'

Scott Kellacher admits 10 late minutes of madness was a painful lesson as Caley Thistle were blown away in a 6-2 Premier Sports Cup loss by Hearts.

Last year's League One winners gave last term's Premiership runners-up, who are now bossed by Belgian Wouter Vrancken, a mighty fright before a flood of late goals in this second-round tie.

He said: "It was 10 minutes of madness. We were great for 82 minutes. You know when you come here Hearts are going to have a lot of the ball.

"We had a game plan and we stuck to it, although in the first half I felt we were nowhere near our best. We're in the big boys' league against Hearts at Tynecastle and we didn't pass the ball as well as we can. Credit to Hearts. They are a good side.

"Going in 1-0 down at half-time, you take that. I had a good chat with them and asked them to believe in themselves a little bit more.

"We wanted to put our stamp on the game, otherwise we would regret it. We went on the front foot and pressed and passed the ball a lot better.

"That's where we got our two goals from and we were delighted to get in front.

"We hoped to see out the next five to 10 minutes to get through it. We knew they would throw everything at it.

"They brought on the big guns with 15-20 minutes to go. They can change games.

"The hard part is we gave away a penalty. We've got to move our feet and we can't let it happen as easy as that.

"For 82 minutes, we came here and played really well. The last 10 minutes I would like to forget. We capitulated after they got the third goal.

"That's what Hearts can do when the crowd get right behind them. We will learn a lot from that last 10 minutes, but we will learn a lot more from the first 82 minutes."

The Caley Jags are back in action against Partick Thistle in the Championship on Friday.

Well pay for rotation in shock loss to Stenny

STENHOUSEMUIR	1
MOTHERWELL	0

Motherwell manager Alfred Johansson stressed he could not jeopardise his players' health by overplaying them after his much-changed side suffered a shock 1-0 Premier Sports Cup defeat at Stenhousemuir.

Euan O'Reilly netted the only goal in the 114th minute but Marvin Bartley's side were well worth their place in the quarter-finals.

Johansson made eight changes following his side's Conference League win over HJK Helsinki, which came at a cost after Oscar Priestman suffered a calf issue which makes him a doubt for the play-off against Freiburg.

Five academy graduates started and Motherwell improved as an attacking force after Johansson made some in-game changes, but did not do enough to win the game and Stenny put pressure on throughout.

After suffering the first defeat of his Motherwell tenure, the Swede said: "The performance was not good. We didn't have the coolness on the ball that we normally do. We didn't have the strength in the second ball we normally do. Stenny were better than us and they deserve to go through.

"Obviously, as a coach, you normally don't want to make so many changes, but sometimes it's needed.

"The players that started the game and the players that came on to the pitch are way good enough to be able to play better than we did.

"I will make sure to also look ourselves in the mirror: the staff, myself, my decisions.

"Rotation is one point, but also how we approached the game in terms of tactics, speeches, everything."

Wilson steers in the fourth as Caley Thistle wilt against Hearts at Tynecastle yesterday.

Jags level with a well-taken goal.

Calvin Miller is congratulated by James McPake.

from Danny Devine's pass. Incredibly, a few minutes later, Bavidge raced on to a pass from his Dons loanee team-mate Stewart to round Beau Reus and tap into the net.

The goal flood continued though as Hearts hit back three minutes later when Mata rose to head home a Kerjota delivery.

Hearts got the goal they needed from the spot with eight minutes to go when Miller scored a penalty after Noa Boutin brought down Kerjota in the box. And it was game over two minutes later when Wilson, who was on loan at Tottenham last year, headed home after Munro parried Kerjota's shot.

After a disallowed Hearts goal, Braga slammed a shot into the net from a Borchgrevink assist before Miller slotted home a sixth in stoppage time.

It was a cruel ending for ICT, who gave all they could until Hearts roared over the line in style.

HOW THEY LINED UP

HEARTS (4-2-3-1) – Reus 6; Borchgrevink 7, Findlay 6, McCart 6, Miller 6, Magnússon 6 (Spittal 59), Renaud 7, Kerjota 8 (Dhanda 92), Guendouz 6 (Braga 59), Mato 6 (McPake 59), Ba-Sy 6 (Wilson 46). Subs not used – Fulton, McEntee, Kabore, Altena.

CALEY THISTLE (4-2-3-1) – Munro 5; MacLeod 6, Devine 6, Savage 6, Boutin 6, Allan 7 (Bates 86), Shinnie 6, Stewart 7 (MacGregor 86), Mackinnon 6 (Sole 52), Duncan 7 (Longstaff 78), Bavidge 7 (Kargbo 86). Subs not used: Ross, Keir, Smith, Chalmers.

Referee – Calum Scott

Man of the match – Sabah Kerjota.

Winning feeling at last for Rangers boss

RANGERS	5
ST MIRREN	1

Derek McInnes revealed his contrasting feelings during his first win as Rangers boss in yesterday's 5-1 Premier Sports Cup victory over St Mirren at Ibrox.

Failure to win any of his first four fixtures had the Gers boss under pressure which reduced through first-half goals from striker Ryan Naderi and midfielder Vanja Dragojevic in 18 minutes.

However, Saints' Chris Mochrie reduced the deficit on the half-hour mark with a terrific drive which subdued the excitement.

But Rangers stretched away in the second half with two goals in two minutes from Djeidi Gassama and debutant James Penrice and after Gers keeper Ivor Pandur saved a twice-taken penalty from midfielder Killian Phillips, substitute Ross McCausland made it five against the cup holders to seal a place in the quarter-final draw where they will face Celtic at home.

McInnes said: "I probably enjoyed for the first time being manager of Rangers for a period in the first half – and then we lost the goal and I didn't enjoy it again.

"But I'm just glad to get a win.

"There's no better feeling when you're involved in professional football than a winning dressing room. My players need to feel that.

"It's my job and the staff's job to try and instil confidence, which isn't always easy here when things aren't going right.

"But I just think that you've got to keep working through it, do the basics right, stick together, work even harder if you can and put the work in and hopefully you get your reward."

Hibs cap off fine week with progress in cup

HIBERNIAN	1
PARTICK THISTLE	0

Hibernian head coach David Gray praised his players after victory over Partick Thistle in the Premier Sports Cup capped a fine week.

Owen Elding's 12th-minute strike in yesterday's entertaining tie was enough to see the Leith side progress to the quarter-finals where they will visit Ross County.

Hibs should have been out of sight after passing up several gilt-edged chances to add to their lead and had to withstand late Thistle pressure.

But after beating Rangers in the Premiership last Sunday and seeing off Shkendija in the Conference League in North Macedonia on Thursday, Gray was delighted with his team's result.

Gray, whose attention now turns to Thursday's Conference League play-off first leg at Gent, said: "It turned into a classic cup tie you would say.

"Firstly, that result sums up a fantastic week for the football club. When you think back to the efforts and everything we've put in this week.

"Winning at Ibrox, going away to North Macedonia, dealing with the heat, dealing with the different atmosphere against a really good side, getting through that tie and making sure we're in the next round.

"Then coming back again against a good side, it was an opportunity for Partick to come and have a real go, which I thought they would do and which they certainly did.

"We started really well on the front foot and it was everything I asked them to do, we were really physical and created a lot of chances."

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Paul Hartley: Dismayed by award of a penalty to Kilby.

Cove pay penalty at Kilby as Hartley still wants new additions

EAST KILBRIDE	3
COVE RANGERS	0

Cove Rangers boss Paul Hartley was left bemoaning a contentious penalty and a lack of cutting edge in his side after going down at the Bumblebee Stadium.

Following a keenly-contested first half, a brace of penalties after the break, converted by Cammy Elliott, put the hosts in charge.

A red card for Arron Darge dashed Cove's hopes of a comeback before Alex Smith's late strike compounded a disappointing day on the road.

Hartley said: "The defeat was really based on a penalty decision that wasn't a penalty – the first one. The second one is probably a penalty. It's disappointing because I looked at it there and it's not a penalty but that's what happens.

"We have still got to do better in certain areas. I felt first half they had a lot of possession, but never really hurt us too much. I thought we had the best chance through Max Barry. In the second half we've actually had some good opportunities, but we weren't clean in our work.

"We're disappointed to concede in the manner we did. The third goal we try to chase the game, then we switch off a bit."

Cove keeper Robbie Mutch produced an excellent early save to turn Owen Moffat's raking drive behind.

However, opposite number Shay Kelly did even better to deny Barry whose shot looked set to put Hartley's men ahead.

Kilby needed a 56th minute penalty to break the deadlock after Rhys Armstrong was judged to have been fouled by Ryan Harrington, Elliott dispatching the spot-kick.

Reuben McAllister almost levelled for Cove with a shot that was brilliantly saved by Kelly.

The home side sealed the points with Elliott's second penalty before Darge was sent packing and Smith struck at the death.

Hartley hopes to do business in the transfer market this week, adding: "It's not been the start that we wanted. We need to try and get some players in as we are short in numbers and we need to get some better quality in.

"We are now missing Darge next week. It's a silly sending off to be honest with you – he doesn't have to do it as he's on a booking.

"We have to be better when we are on the ball. We have to be cleaner when we have good chances and, yeah, we've just been conceding too many goals."

Cove have just one point from their opening three matches and Hartley said: "It's been the start that we've made. We have to try and get ourselves ready for next week.We've just got to try and knuckle down.

"All games are hard in this league. This is the toughest league of them all. You can just see it's going to be nick and tuck with teams, and all teams can beat each other. But we need to make sure that we get more points on the board in the first quarter."

Late show inspires Peterhead triumph

ZAK ATTACK: A late goal from Peterhead loanee Zak To helped the Blue Toon snatch a late victory.

Peterhead	2
East Fife	1

A chaotic last 10 minutes saw Peterhead fight back to defeat East Fife 2-1 at Balmoor and put co-manager Ryan Strachan through a rollercoaster of emotions.

Peterhead attacked the game from the start with striker Cammy Smith being slipped through and his blocked cross forced Derek Gaston into a reflex save to claw it behind.

The game's momentum was then halted as both sides were forced into injury related substitutions, with Aberdeen loanee Zak To introduced for Robel Teklemichael.

Jack Newman was then forced into a great near post save from a Cameron Ross volley just before the half came to an end.

After the break, some nice footwork in the Peterhead box from Nathan Austin set up Kieran Millar but he dragged his shot narrowly wide.

At the other end, Cammy Smith found himself clean through but Gaston pulled off a fine block.

Seconds later, substitute Fraser Mackie's driven shot looked destined for the bottom corner but once again Gaston denied the Blue Toon the lead.

Then with just 15 minutes to go, the deadlock was broken. After a sloppy pass out from the back was intercepted, East Fife moved the ball quickly across to the right-hand side, allowing substitute Jack Hearly to calmly slot the ball past Newman.

In hopes of finding some late magic, Peterhead handed a home debut to another Aberdeen loanee Jack Searle.

And magic he did create. Searle, playing off the left-hand side, made an immediate impact, going on a fantastic run before slipping through Mackie who squeezed the ball home to delight the Balmoor faithful.

Then as the game reached the 90th minute, Searle was the centre of attention once again as he was brought down inside the box to win a late penalty for Peterhead.

Up stepped 18-year-old To, whose initial effort was well saved by Gaston but To got to the rebound and he made no mistake thundering the ball home and securing all three points.

Strachan acknowledged his side's performance wasn't up to the standard they expect but was pleased to see his players grind out a win.

He said: "In terms of the game, we were 80 minutes in, and I didn't feel we had really contributed or kicked a ball. I didn't think we had our finest stuff but ultimately we have won nine points in a week, two wins in the league and one in the cup, which shows that it has been a positive week."

Strachan was pleased with the impact made by his substitutes, adding: "We didn't have enough contributions from the bench last season, whether it was timings, personnel or disruptions. But today it worked for us.

"We were swithering about changing shape and taking key players off. There was a bit of madness behind the thinking, but it got us the three points in the end."

Fraser Mackie and Jason Brown.

THE REAL MACKAY: Elgin City's Lewis Mackay (24) marked his first SPFL start with a goal.

Laird grounded as Elgin keep top spot

Elgin City	4
Kelty Hearts	1

Elgin City manager Stefan Laird is keeping his feet firmly on the ground despite his team's strong start in the league.

Saturday's 4-1 win over a Kelty Hearts side relegated from League One last term kept the Moray side top of the table.

Goals by Kane Hester, Lewis Mackay, captain Russell Dingwall and Jack MacIver proved too much for the Fifers, who did fight back to 2-1 when sub Robbie Cole's first touch found the net.

"It's just a good start, isn't it?," said Laird. "And again, I want to emphasise, that is all it is.

"It's three games and it's a good start.

"But what was pleasing is we came up against such a strong team in Kelty, who have got a really strong group. They've come down from League One. They're really comfortable on the ball and they cause you problems.

"What they do off the ball, I thought we struggled with that in the first half.

"We just created a wee bit more than they did and I would have liked to have been more than a goal up at half-time.

Jack MacIver takes the plaudits for Elgin's fourth goal.

"We then lost a really poor goal, and you could feel the nervousness around the ground.

"We had a rocky five minutes, but once we regained our composure, we managed to finish it off."

Laird didn't risk defenders Evan Towler and Lyall Booth and midfielder Lewis Hyde who picked up knocks in the midweek cup defeat against Ross County.

He handed County's 17-year-old loanee Lewis Mackay his first league start and the player would go on and grab his first senior goal.

Kane Hester netted his own first goal of the campaign with a clinical left foot finish from a Dingwall pass on 29 minutes, rewarding a strong home start.

Mackay pounced on a clearance just inside the box to volley in his maiden SPFL goal just after half time, and Elgin looked good at 2-0 ahead.

Fresh legs came on for both teams but Kelty got a lift from their introductions, with half time sub Thomas Falconer forcing a good Tom Ritchie save and ex-Hearts youngster Robbie Cole arriving to score with his first touch on 70 minutes.

Suddenly City's three points were under threat, and it needed an intervention from long-serving Dingwall to turn the tide with a sweet left foot volley to make it 3-1 on 81 minutes.

Kelty were floored by that and when Aberdeen youngster Aaron Cummings broke on the right and played it across the goalmouth, MacIver came in to sweep home City's fourth with five minutes to go.

Depth paying off as Culter maintain their perfect start v Broch

At Crombie Park, Cammy Fraser, Aulay Martin, Callum Dunbar and Josh Bolton all found the net as Culter's perfect NOSFL Premier League start continued, this time at the expense of Fraserburgh United although assistant manager Craig Stephenson is not getting carried away.

He said: "While the 4-0 scoreline is convincing, it was touch and go until we got our second early in the second half.

"We really had to work for the win but the depth of our squad is really making a difference as Fraserburgh made things difficult for us. And it will be exactly the same at Newmachar United on Tuesday evening, there's no easy games at all, although results have gone our way so far.

"It's such a competitive league but I do believe squad depth is the most important factor, and thankfully we have that."

A Matthew Petermann double for Dyce at Maud, who replied through Hamish Gordon, maintained the Ian Mair Park club's 100% record while Longside made it four out of four, getting the better of Colony Park in a seven-goal thriller, Logan Anderson's hat-trick supplemented by Sol Collins' counter with Connor Killoh (two) and Clarke Whyte for the Inverurie side.

At Aberdeen Sports

Mattthew Petermann.

Village, Bridge of Don Thistle thanked Mikey Bruce and Victory Asekomeh's braces and an Anton Chauvin strike as they returned to winning ways against Deveronside, for who Jody Munro fired a consolation and it was the same scoreline at Raemoss Park as Arran Smith, Ryan Shand, Stuart Laird, Dane Ballard and Lewis Brown were the Buchanhaven Hearts marksmen against Lossiemouth United, who responded via a late Alex Matczak penalty.

At Charlie Gordon Park, Hall Russell United upset Newmachar United, winning 2-1 with efforts from Finlay McDonald and Nurain Shehu, Stonehaven and East End drew 1-1, Caie McDonald and Lee McAllister from the spot the scorers, and it was also a 1-1 draw between Rothie Rovers and Ellon United.

In the Championship, Jack Higgins, Ade Adeniyi and debut boy Clark Sharp all struck to see Stoneywood Parkvale top of the table on goal difference in the Stauff Park win against New Elgin, a late Matthew McMillan goal at Dufftown gave Buckie Rovers their third single-goal victory, this time at Dufftown, while Sunnybank were given a walkover against Forres Thistle.

Charlie Nicol, Gary Livingstone and Ryan Craddock were the Banchory St Ternan hitmen at Whitehills, Nairn St Ninian and Glentanar fought out a goalless draw and Burghead Thistle got the better of Cruden Bay, winning by the odd goal in five, Evan Scales, Jack Lingard and Lewis Grant for the hosts and a Gregor Milne double for the visitors.

Islavale and Westdyke shared four goals with Jim Stables and Mikey Ewen on the mark for the homesters and Nathan Manders and Andy Mitchell replying.

There's a full Premier League card tomorrow evening (7 pm) with Culter travelling to Newmachar United, Stonehaven at home to Rothie Rovers and Bridge of Don Thistle making the trip to Buchanhaven Hearts.

At Phoenix Park, it's Lossiemouth United against Deveronside, Colony Park welcome Ellon United, Longside host East End, Maud go to Fraserburgh United while, with a 7.30 start, Hall Russell United entertain Dyce.

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Vale open account as Speysiders well-beaten

Deveronvale 3
Rothes 0

BY BRIAN BARCLAY AT PRINCESS ROYAL PARK

Deveronvale claimed their first league victory of the season as they comfortably overcame the challenge of visitors Rothes with a 3-0 win.

Vale manager Garry Wood was pleased to get their points tally up and running after what he felt has been a tough start to the season.

He said: "I had to remind the players at half-time that we had not taken good chances which we created and one mistake could let Rothes back into the game.

"We were far better in the second half and we should have scored a lot more goals but we just couldn't put the chances away.

"It was a good team performance but disappointing we didn't score more goals with Celmiro Mussunda giving us good energy.

"The only thing that was missing from his performance was a goal but the fans can see why we wanted to bring him to the club."

Mussunda was voted the man of the match and the 22-year-old says it has taken time for him to adjust from Junior to Highland League football.

He said: "Highland League is more technical and definitely more physical. I am trying to get up to the same level as my team-mates and kick on further from there.

"I missed a couple of chances but I am confident that I can get goals for the club and getting the award was very pleasing for me."

The home side broke the deadlock in the 16th minute after Shane Harkness fouled Mussunda in the box and Dem Yunus stepped up to slot home the spot-kick.

Jack Mitchell then saw a header well saved by Rothes goalkeeper Stewart Black before Brody Alberts should have scored just before the interval, but he failed to connect properly with a through ball.

Vale looked sure to get another as the game entered first-half injury-time but Mussunda saw his effort trickle just wide of the post. Despite Rothes failing to bother keeper Keith Robertshaw during the first 45 minutes, the home side knew a single goal was never enough and doubled their advantage seven minutes into the second half.

A cross from Marcus Binnie was not cleared by the defence and Stewart Gray couldn't miss from eight yards with the goal gaping in front of him.

The game was ended as a contest after on the hour mark when Jack Mitchell capitalised on a long clearance from Lucas Smith to loft the ball over the advancing Black from 25 yards.

Vale missed further chances to increase their lead while Rothes created little as they tried to get back into the game.

Rothes manager Ryan Esson felt his team could have taken something from the game.

He said: "I thought there was very little between the teams in the first half. They had the better chances but we were definitely still in the game at the break.

"The penalty is what it is and no complaints, but just as we were starting to get more into the game at the start of the second half which we started more positively, we give away poor goals.

"I need to look at them again as they are really soft.

"The third one was disappointing as it was just a hoof up the park which allowed their player to get in behind and score with a good finish.

"The second goal is happening far too often and you can only go over so much with the players who I need time to work with as you need to cover every base. But in Highland League football you only get that time twice a week.

"It's the final third of the pitch that is letting us down with that final cutting edge pass as we just don't seem to have that bit of quality.

"But where do you get strikers like that from? It's tough to attract them and we are trying to change that but these things take time."

Gethins dismayed as Keith plunder a point

CLACH 1
KEITH 1

Clach remain unbeaten in the Breedon Highland League but manager Conor Gethins was far from impressed after seeing his side held at home by Keith.

The Lilywhites dominated the first half but it was the Maroons who showed more purpose after the interval.

Mikey Mackenzie scored for the Invernessians while Heath Duncan nabbed a brilliant second-half leveller for Keith, who are still searching for their first league win.

Clach boss Gethins said: "It was a tired Clach performance. We were dominant in the first half, and shaded possession, but it doesn't always win games.

"We need to be more clever on the ball and make better decisions in the final third. I kept telling them not to rush so much, and pull the trigger instead of trying to be too clever.

"To be fair, in the second half Keith caused chaos at times and had a few chances, but luckily Mark Ridgers was there. He had no chance with their goal, which was an excellent strike."

Keith assistant manager Chris Craib said: "It was two different halves, with Clach moving the ball about very well (in the first half).

"We had some words in the dressing room at half-time, and came out a totally different team in the second half.

"We defended as a team, were aggressive on the first balls, and both sets of wingers gave them food for thought. We were unlucky not to get another goal or two, but we can't complain, as the boys were excellent in the second half."

Under-strength Wick swept aside by Huntly

HUNTLY 3
WICK ACADEMY 0

Huntly extended their unbeaten run to four games with a 3-0 win over bottom side Wick Academy.

Huntly manager Graeme Stewart was pleased to see his side win but felt they should have been more ruthless.

He said: "The only negative is we should have scored more goals. We were outstanding from the goalkeeper all the way through to the strikers.

"We've got to remember Wick are maybe on a bad run and we've got to be better as we'll be playing against teams coming up who are on a better run than they are."

What did please Stewart was watching his side record their second clean sheet in the last four games.

He said: "Defensively, from the front and in midfield, we're stopping them getting crosses into the box, getting passes into strikers and long balls into the box and being first to most balls."

The hosts took the lead on nine minutes when Jack McKenzie's corner was worked short into Owen Morris and he passed for Scott Adams who curled inside the post with a left-footed shot.

The deficit was doubled in the 25th minute when Matthew Wallace won the ball in the opposition half and laid it off for Adams to fire into the bottom corner for his third of the season.

Huntly added a third on 62 minutes as Owen Morris netted on the rebound.

Wick are currently on an eight-game winless streak with selection problems not easing up for manager Gary Manson.

He said: "It was going to take a monumental effort from us to get anything from the game when you're missing around five players and it's every week.

"I feel for the players, nobody can say they're not putting the work in but we're naive at this level and it's a young squad and a first season at this level for some."

Fixtures

Wednesday – Breedon Highland League – Banks o' Dee v Turriff Utd; Forres Mechanics v Clach; Inverurie Locos v Fraserbugh; Nairn County v Lossiemouth; Rothes v Formartine Utd; Strathspey Thistle v Brora Rangers.

Saturday – Brora Rangers v Inverurie Locos; Clach v Nairn County; Deveronvale v Forres Mechanics; Formartine Utd v Keith; Huntly v Banks o' Dee; Invergordon v Buckie Thistle; Lossiemouth v Fraserburgh; Rothes v Wick Academy; Turriff Utd v Strathspey Thistle.

JUMPING JACK: Vale's

Stewart Gray tucks the

Jack Mitchell takes to the skies in celebration after finding the net at Princess Royal Park.

ball away from eight yards to extend Vale's advantage.

Celmiro Mussunda impressed for Deveronvale.

Second-half double is enough for the Broch

FRASERBURGH	2
NAIRN COUNTY	0

Fraserburgh produced a polished performance to see off a spirited Nairn County side at Bellslea.

The home side scored twice early in the second half to maintain their unbeaten start to the league campaign, and the defence recorded a fifth successive clean sheet.

Lewis Duncan and Bryan Hay netted for the hosts in the second half, allowing Fraserburgh to overcome an early penalty miss after Thomas McHale saved Ryan Sargent's tame spot-kick.

Broch manager Mark Cowie was delighted with how his side approached the game.

He said: "I think that's the best we've played this season, but how we went in level at half-time is beyond me.

"Our build-up play was good, we had runners breaking forward, we missed a penalty, hit the bar and had other chances.

"We asked them to be careful in the final third and then Lewis Duncan produces a wonder goal and Bryan Hay powers in a header.

"From there we we took off and dominated the game and I don't think Rodrigo Vitols had much to do apart from a couple of cross balls.

"It's very pleasing keeping another clean sheet, our defence looks solid, Lewis controlled the game, and our front two were dynamite.

"The work they did to create space for others was tremendous."

Nairn gaffer Wayne Mackintosh felt his side competed well in the first half but were ultimately well beaten after the break.

He said: "In the first half we competed very well, our intensity was better and we worked hard off the ball.

"Maybe we rode our luck at times with Tom redeeming himself for the penalty, but over the piece they were the better side.

"The two goals we conceded were criminal and after that we just seemed to accept the defeat.

"We need to do more to be competitive, certainly on the second half performance."

Lossie win again with Forres boss frustrated

LOSSIEMOUTH	2
FORRES MECH	1

Lossiemouth co-manager Martin Charlesworth praised the tenacity of his side after they continued their unbeaten start with a 2-1 win over Forres Mechanics.

The Coasters were ahead after 18 seconds as Aiden Cruickshank scored. Jack Grant netted for Forres but Lossie secured the three points with a Lewis McAndrew penalty.

Charlesworth said: "We deserved our win and I thought we were very good for most of the game. We worked all week on how Forres might set up, and we knew there could be an opportunity to create something if we put pressure on their defence.

"To win possession in a dangerous position so early and to have Aiden score against his former team was really pleasing.

"Forres grew into the game, but we dug in and made impactful substitutions to bring energy in the closing stages which resulted in our winning goal.

"Kevin (Flett) and I have worked hard over the past few months but it's all credit to the players for turning what they've practised into good results for the club."

Forres boss MacDonald, who saw his side concede a penalty in the opening seconds to Fraserburgh the previous weekend, was annoyed to see his side gift another early goal to the opposition.

He said: "After losing the penalty against Fraserburgh last week I thought we'd be more aware in the opening stages, but this goal was probably worse."

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FIN-SPIRED: Buckie Thistle's Fin Allen netted as the Jags picked up three points at Turriff United.

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Brora Rangers	5	4	1	0	21	5	13
Fraserburgh	5	4	1	0	12	0	13
Buckie Thistle	5	4	1	0	15	5	13
Lossiemouth	5	4	1	0	11	5	13
Turriff United	5	3	1	1	6	3	10
Clachnacuddin	4	2	2	0	8	2	8
Inverurie Loco Works	5	2	2	1	10	8	8
Forres Mechanics	5	2	1	2	11	9	7
Formartine United	5	2	1	2	7	9	7
Huntly	5	2	1	2	7	9	7
Banks o' Dee	5	1	2	2	8	13	5
Invergordon	5	1	1	3	5	5	4
Nairn County	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
Strathspey Thistle	5	1	1	3	5	8	4
Keith	5	0	3	2	5	10	3
Deveronvale	5	1	0	4	4	9	3
Rothes	4	0	0	4	1	17	0
Wick Academy	5	0	0	5	0	17	0

Buckie edge Turra to stay unbeaten

Turriff Utd	1
Buckie Thistle	2

First-half goals from Fin Allen and Brett Findlay maintained Buckie's unbeaten league start with another hard-fought victory at Turriff United.

Findlay netted on his first Jags start after setting up the opener for outstanding strike partner Allen, and both earned praise from Thistle manager Lewis Mackinnon.

He said: "I didn't think we were great in the first half, but we took our chances.

"Brett did really well to set up Fin for the first goal, then Fin repaid the favour with a great ball through for Brett and it was a superb finish.

"We played better in the second half but couldn't get the third goal, despite creating several chances.

"I was comfortable with our defence as I know they can sit in when needed and deal with everything that comes their way.

"It's an excellent three points at a difficult venue."

Buckie went ahead in the 21st minute. Findlay did well down the right flank and his cross found Allen, who volleyed home from eight yards after Lee Herbert blocked his initial shot.

At the other end, Mackenzie Taylor's cross was well smothered at the near post by Sean McIntosh with Boima Willie lurking.

The home side levelled in the 35th minute when the ball was only partly headed clear from a long throw and Taylor screwed his shot low into the far corner from 16 yards.

Willie missed a great chance to make it two four minutes later, but fired wide after a mistake in the visitors' defence.

Jags punished that miss almost instantly, Allen dinking a great ball through for Findlay to crash a finish beyond the advancing Herbert from just inside the penalty area. Sean McIntosh made a superb low stop from a Murray Cormack shot after a quick United break with 20 minutes remaining.

Turriff had a lucky escape in the 81st minute when Darryl McHardy and substitute Callum Murray had goal-bound efforts blocked with Herbert beaten.

Turriff boss Greg Moir felt his side deserved something from the game.

He said: "I think over the piece it should have been a draw. Sean McIntosh had a great save late on and we had another couple of scrambles in the box that could have gone our way.

"We also had a great chance at 1-1, then Buckie go up the pitch and score which was frustrating. We didn't defend well enough for either of the goals."

STRATHSPEY THISTLE 1
INVERURIE LOCOS 3

Inverurie Locos recorded a comfortable victory for the second Saturday in succession thanks to a fine 3-1 win at Strathspey Thistle.

Having watched his side also secure victory in the Evening Express Aberdeenshire Cup in midweek, Locos boss Dean Donaldson was ecstatic with the three points.

He said: "It's an excellent win, the first half performance was our best of the season. Some of the patterns and plays were unbelievable.

"We had to show a lot of quality as Strathspey have a lot of experienced players. There was a bit of everything goal-wise.

"Cole Anderson came up with a great winner, getting goals from different players in the team is something we need to build on."

Cole Donaldson and Daniel Agnew had Locos 2-0 up at half-time. Strathspey, who fielded debutant Kyle MacLeod from Forres, pulled a goal back from a 69th-minute Robbie Thompson penalty.

But Cole Anderson's fine free-kick ended any hope of a Jags comeback.

Home boss Aaron Doran had no complaints about the result. He said: "I'm really disappointed as I don't think we laid a glove on them in the first half.

"We had a way of playing but didn't produce it. Quite simply we couldn't get into the game."

James Wallace was on target for Brora Rangers.

First-half flurry gives Brora victory over Dee

BRORA RANGERS	4
BANKS O' DEE	2

Brora Rangers produced a blistering first-half display before holding off a determined Banks o' Dee fightback to secure a 4-2 victory at Dudgeon Park.

Brora manager Steven Mackay hailed his side's first-half showing which keeps them top of the table.

He said: "It's good to get the win first and foremost. Banks o' Dee are a team we struggle to get anything from, and we got nothing from them last season.

"We got a bit sloppy and committed too many men, and they nicked a goal just before half-time, which gave them a glimmer of hope in a game which should have been dead and buried at the break.

"I'm happy with the performance, but frustrated with the manner of the goals we gave away."

Connall Ewan and James Anderson had the Cattachs two up inside 20 minutes, before Ben Barron's lob made it three soon after.

James Wallace netted a fourth on 35 minutes as he fired through a crowd of players.

Liam Duell pulled one back before the break and Grady McGrath punished a slack Wallace back-pass to reduce the deficit further on 52 minutes.

There was drama late on as Duell's appeal for a penalty was waved away, with the striker instead booked for simulation, and Dee's Max Alexander sent off for dissent.

Banks o' Dee co-manager Josh Winton said: "It was frustrating to have a man sent off in the last few minutes because I think most people in the ground thought it was a penalty.

"Some of the referee's decisions were frustrating, but he's not the reason we conceded four."

INVERGORDON 1
FORMARTINE UTD 2

Formartine United overcame travel issues to pick up all three points thanks to a Rory McAllister double in a 2-1 win at Invergordon.

McAllister struck either side of Blair Morrison's equaliser to give his side a happy ending on what was a frustrating trip.

Formartine boss Stuart Anderson said: "It was a difficult game, not helped by the trouble we had getting there.

"Our bus ended up not turning up so we had to make our own way there, which was not the ideal preparation.

"But to get three points, we're obviously delighted with that. Invergordon have already proved that in their short time in the league, they're a difficult opponent.

"Hopefully it's a big win for us and it's good to keep a little bit of momentum going in the last week."

Invergordon boss Gary Campbell said: "I thought we did enough to deserve a draw. There wasn't much between the teams in the first half and I felt we were getting on top when Formartine scored.

"McAllister took his goal really well but we haven't closed him down quickly enough.

"Once we got the equaliser we got back in the game so to lose it late on from a free kick is sore."

Pocognoli signs on as Scotland boss

BY GAVIN MCCAFFERTY

NEW MAN: Sebastien Pocognoli has been confirmed as the new Scotland manager.

Sebastien Pocognoli has been confirmed as the new Scotland head coach.

The former Union Saint-Gilloise and Monaco head coach has signed an initial two-year contract to succeed Steve Clarke.

Pocognoli, a former Belgium international, led Union to the 2024-25 Belgian title in his first season as a head coach.

The 39-year-old described his appointment as an "honour" and added on the Scottish Football Association website: "When I first heard of the interest, I was immediately excited about the opportunity.

"Scotland's supporters are famous for their passion – most recently at the World Cup in the USA – and I have experienced it myself as a player for Belgium when we played in 2013.

"Along with my coaching staff, I will do everything I can to give them a team to be proud of and build on the success that has been achieved already by my predecessor."

Pocognoli becomes Scotland's second foreign manager following German Berti Vogts' reign from 2002-04.

The former West Brom and Brighton left-back will aim to build on Clarke's record of leading Scotland to their first three major tournaments of the century.

"Since negotiations began, I have been doing a lot of research, asking a lot of questions and looking at areas that we can build on," he said.

"I am hugely excited by the prospect and look forward to working with the players to achieve even more success."

After leading Union to their first ever title success, Pocognoli joined Monaco in October last year. He took them into the Champions League knockout phase, where they lost narrowly to Paris St Germain, but was sacked after a seventh-placed finish in Ligue 1.

SFA chief executive Ian Maxwell said: "He was the standout candidate from a thorough process: a very impressive individual, with a real desire to take on the role and a clear vision for how he wants to go about it."

The SFA's recently appointed chief football officer Craig Mulholland was heavily involved in the process amid sweeping changes to the national team set-up which have also seen the departure of under-21s coach Scot Gemmill and under-17s coach Brian McLaughlin.

Mulholland described the appointment as an "exciting moment for Scottish football" and added: "He is one of Europe's brightest and most sought-after coaches.

"He will bring an aggressive, front-foot style of play that will excite supporters. He will now build on the outstanding work and excellent foundations left by Steve Clarke and his staff.

> "He will bring an aggressive, front-foot style that will excite supporters

"While our extensive search was informed by data and insight – and Sebastien's metrics matched what we believe necessary to enhance and evolve from a position of strength – it's as important to us that his personality and character will allow him to connect with a fantastic group of players."

Pocognoli will begin his tenure with a Nations League campaign against Slovenia, North Macedonia and Switzerland with his first game in charge coming in Ljubljana on September 26.

Martin Odegaard lifts the Community Shield.

Gunners lay down marker against City

ARSENAL	3
MAN CITY	0

Mikel Arteta hailed Arsenal's desire "to go straight again" after Manchester City were overwhelmed 3-0 by the Premier League champions in the Community Shield.

City never recovered from Riccardo Calafiori's goal after just 24 seconds – the quickest in the Community Shield since 1968 – with Kai Havertz and the outstanding Martin Odegaard putting Arsenal in cruise control just three minutes after the restart in Cardiff.

On the day that City boss Enzo Maresca settled into Pep Guardiola's shoes in a high-profile game for the first time, Arsenal fans added to the Italian's discomfort with chants of "you're getting sacked in the morning".

For boss Arteta, though, it was business as usual as Arsenal started where they finished the last domestic season in May by claiming silverware.

Asked where the willingness had come from, Arteta said: "Because we want to go straight again. The desire comes because I want to live that moment again.

"I want to live other moments, even bigger than them... we know what it's going to take. We know the difficulty of the task.

"We've never done it at this club, to win it again. We know that it's going to demand something special and we are ready for it."

Arsenal ended a 22-year wait to be crowned champions of England three months ago.

The Gunners will start the league campaign next week as favourites to successfully defend their title, especially after putting down such an impressive marker against opponents expected to be their closest rivals.

Arteta said: "We talked about the desire we have to start the season and to show ourselves how much we want it, I saw a lot of positive things against a top opponent.

"I am obviously extremely happy with the performance, the result, and winning the first trophy."

Maresca was without the injured Rodri – the subject of a reported £60million Barcelona bid – and admitted he was disappointed with how City conceded the first two goals without the influential Spain midfielder.

"Rodri is a player who just won the World Cup and Ballon d'Or," said Maresca.

"He's a top player, all the teams need Rodri, so it's not about if we miss Rodri or not. The ones that played today – Elliot (Anderson) was quite good on his first game, Mateo (Kovacic) – but we can find many things after this kind of defeat"

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Veteran Ross the hero as More reach cup final

BY ALASDAIR BRUCE

Veteran keeper Kenny Ross belied his 55 years as he produced three shoot-out saves to help Newtonmore beat Oban Camanachd 2-1 on penalties to reach the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup final following their 2-2 draw at Taynuilt.

Newtonmore skipper and top scorer Iain Robinson was otherwise engaged as best man at former team-mate Neil Stewart's wedding while Oban's Louie MacFarlane succumbed to a hamstring issue.

Connor Howe put the Oban side ahead in first half stoppage time before producing a great strike across the keeper from the right to make it 2-0.

Steven Macdonald's penalty halved the deficit and when Oban substitute Gary McKerracher was sent off after accidentally bringing his stick down on Drew MacDonald's head, More made their one-man advantage count.

With just three minutes remaining, Steven Macdonald split the Oban defence with a clever free-hit and Matthew Sloss scored against his former side to force extra-time.

Newtonmore's Declan Brannan was then sent off for a second booking and, with no further scoring, the outcome rested on a penalty shoot-out.

Lewis Cameron was Oban's only scorer from the spot with Kenny Ross denying Daniel MacVicar, Garry Lord and Daniel Maccuish. Steven Macdonald scored for More and Brodie MacBean won it with the 10th and final penalty.

Man of the hour Kenny Ross said: "I thought we were gone at 2-0 but we're never beat, and these boys always dig in. Fair play to Brodie MacBean at the end as that was a pressure penalty. It means so much to us and the village to reach the final."

Kingussie came from behind to beat Fort William 4-1 and cut Newtonmore's lead at the top of the Mowi Premiership to four points with a game in hand.

Victor Smith put the hosts ahead but second half goals from Calum McLay, Ruaridh Anderson, Jack Nelson and Ruaridh Anderson again secured victory.

Kingussie manager Ronald Ross said: "It was a competitive first half although their Paul MacKay was the busier keeper with some good saves. I thought we controlled the second half and ran out convincing winners. Lee Bain was held up at work but played the second half and his presence made a difference."

Kinlochshiel went third in the table after defeating Caberfeidh 2-0. John MacRae broke the deadlock early in the second half with a 20-yarder low into the corner of the net after being set up by Donald Nixon. Archie MacRae clinched the win five minutes from time when his corner deflected home.

Skye Camanachd pulled two points clear of the relegation zone after defeating Kyles Athletic 3-1.

It looked good for Skye when Dan MacDonald scored and then Kyles' Andy King was sent off.

However, Logan Sim levelled shortly after the hour but Dan McDonald's second and Jamie Gillies earned Skye a 3-1 win.

Lochaber eased any fears of being caught up in the relegation battle when they beat Col Glen 2-1. Kyle MacMartin put the visitors ahead early in the second half, but Ben Delaney and Stuart Callison's stoppage time strike sealed Lochaber's win.

Lovat cut Glenurquhart's lead at the top of the Mowi National Division to three points with a game in hand after beating Glasgow Mid Argyll 4-1.

GMA led through Ross Brown in the opening minute but Graeme Macmillan levelled soon after.

Danny Kelly put Lovat in ahead before Graeme Macmillan went on to complete his hat-trick. Lovat need just one more win to be sure of a return to shinty's top-flight.

Kilmallie beat Inveraray 2-0. Archie MacNiven scored twice in the second half, first turning home Martin Stewart's cross and then deceiving the keeper with a strike from distance.

Bute's first league win lifts them to fifth, as Josh Cowan, Scott Harvey and Regan Craig scored in a 3-1 win over Beauly. Conor Ross countered.

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS: Kenny Ross enjoyed a fine afternoon between the sticks for Newtonmore.

Djokovic hit by chronic mystery illness

Novak Djokovic revealed he has been dealing with an ongoing health condition after his surprise second-round defeat at the Cincinnati Open.

The 39-year-old said the condition was exacerbated by the heat and humidity in Ohio as he visibly struggled in a 6-2 4-6 4-6 loss to Argentina's world No 50 Thiago Agustin Tirante.

Djokovic, currently world No 5 and playing his first match since losing to Jannik Sinner in the Wimbledon semi-finals in July, slumped to his hands and knees before taking a medical timeout midway through the second set.

He told reporters: "Congrats to my opponent. It was not an enjoyable match for me, for sure. The way I felt... Not the first and I guess not the last time, but it is what it is."

The 24-time grand slam champion added: "It's just a condition that I have, health-wise, that has been bothering me for the past couple of years.

"(It causes) a lot of issues, especially when it is humid and it is hot.

"I did anticipate it, but there are all these things, like nerves and everything involved that make it worse, and that's what happened."

When asked if he would be returning to Cincinnati next year, three-time winner Djokovic said: "I certainly hope so, but it looks more likely not, unfortunately. But let's see what the future brings."

Novak Djokovic.

Shire and Huntly leading the way

BY GARY HEATLY

CENTURION: Lewis Munro struck a fine hundred for Aberdeenshire.

Aberdeenshire are top and Huntly are second in the Strathmore and Perthshire Cricket Union North East Championship standings with just two rounds of action remaining after they both won on Saturday.

The nature of the two victories was very different, Aberdeenshire easily overcoming Dundee High by 152 runs while Huntly edged past Perth Doo'cot by six runs.

At Mannofield, Aberdeenshire batted first and batted their eighth-placed visitors out of the game effectively by scoring 310-8 from their 50 overs.

Leading the charge was skipper Lewis Munro with 100 from 102 balls while he was well backed up by Kenny Reid with 72, Marcus Vila with 40 and Ethan Shedbal with 32.

Dundee then fell to 23-5 in reply and never recovered, Alexander Parthenis scoring 87 as they were all out for 158. Akhlaq Bashir took 4-30 for Aberdeenshire with Arnav Saraswat taking 3-18, Munro 2-12 and James Robb 1-44.

Huntly are above third-placed Perth Doo'cot now after 196 all out played 190 all out in a thriller at Castle Park.

Magmoed Petersen made 47 opening the batting, Calum Howard made 37 and Lewis Myron-Petrie an important 25 in the Huntly innings.

Franco Kasner led the reply for Perth Doo'cot for much of the way until Huntly captain Jack Mitchell bowled him for 63. Heading into the final over of the match, the visitors needed eight runs to win and had one wicket in hand.

A wide from Lewis Myron-Petrie was followed by him having Asif Hussain caught as the hosts celebrated the crucial win.

In this fascinating 10-team league, Crescent-Dunecht are now fourth and Stoneywood Dyce ninth after weekend losses.

At seventh-placed Freuchie, Crescent-Dunecht made 153 all out in the first half, Ameer Abdullah Khan making 47, Rudra Chouksey 32 not out and Sudarsanan Raghuraman 21.

Robbie Wright's 66 then led the way for the home side in their reply as they made it up to 154-5. Chouksey took two wickets for Crescent-Dunecht, but this was a damaging loss for them.

At sixth-placed Meigle, Stoneywood Dyce could only make 102 all out batting first, Siddharth Seenivasan top-scoring with 29.

They then reduced Meigle to 29-4 in reply to give themselves a slight chance, but the hosts made it up to 105-5 and a five wicket win with Kelly Angove taking 3-29 in defeat.

Elsewhere in the division, fifth-placed Strathmore beat bottom side Glenrothes by four wickets.

Wicket-keeper Jamie Smith had a difficult Ashes.

Smith confident best days are ahead of him

Jamie Smith believes a frustrating past few months with England could be the making of him.

A little over a year ago, Smith was averaging close to 60 after his first dozen Tests, while he equalled the record for the fastest wicketkeeper to 1,000 runs in just 21 innings.

But he endured a torturous Ashes, making just one 50-plus score and his rank dismissal to Australia part-timer Marnus Labuschagne in Sydney attracted scathing criticism from several ex-England players.

Smith's average now sits just under 40 after 22 Tests, having made three half-centuries in his last 10 matches – although one of those was in his most recent innings against New Zealand at Nottingham.

Still only 26, Smith, who missed one of the three Tests in the 2-1 loss by the Kiwis due to paternity leave, hopes his best days are ahead of him and he is in upbeat mood ahead of the Pakistan series.

"I've obviously been slightly disappointed with how the last six to nine months have gone, they've been challenging, there's no doubt about that," he told the Press Association. "But I think every player experiences that throughout their career and I feel like I will be better for these experiences. If I go back to Australia, I'll be in a better position to know the conditions and know what to expect and improve on that.

"Hopefully against Pakistan, I can play how I played in the last innings at Trent Bridge and have a bit more success there."

While his work behind the stumps is often scrutinised amid Surrey team-mate Ben Foakes' continued omission, Smith thinks he has improved under the tutelage of trailblazing fielding coach Sarah Taylor.

His glovework has been put in the shade by Australia's Alex Carey and New Zealand's Tom Blundell recently, but Smith says he is putting in the hard yards behind the scenes.

"I'm definitely enjoying working with Sarah, she's a fantastic coach and brings a lot of energy every day," Smith said. "We've had some good periods already in the short time she's worked with England.

"I've just worked on little bits, it's had varying degrees of success, it's more of a project."

Grampian Thistles beaten in T20 final as Carlton claim silverware

Grampian Thistles got the better of Stewart's Melville in the semi-finals but eventually lost out to Carlton in the final during women's T20 Scottish Cup finals day on Saturday.

The team from the north-east headed to Stirling County's New Williamfield ground in fine fettle after some good recent form and, in their last four tie, played excellently to get the better of Stewart's Melville.

Batting first, Thistles' captain Emily Henderson led the way with 55 from 45 balls and Isabella Watson made 20 as they posted 144-7. In the Stewart's Melville reply, Watson got the key wicket of Emily Duguid – caught by Kari Drummond for 40 – and the Thistles' bowlers restricted the Edinburgh side to 121-8. The 23 run victory set up a final with Carlton who beat Watsonians by 65 runs in their last four tie.

Carlton batted first in the final and the capital outfit posted 132-5 from their 20 overs. Their skipper Samantha Evans made 65 not out while Lucy Milne took 2-31 for the Thistles.

In reply, the Thistles just kept getting pegged back at key times and no one batter could go on to make the big score that they needed.

They finished up on 92-8 as Carlton won by 40 runs and lifted the silverware.

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Donnelly first GB woman to medal in marathon

Abbie Donnelly became the first British woman to win a marathon medal at the European Athletics Championships after she clinched bronze on the final day of the competition in Birmingham.

The 29-year-old crossed in a time of two hours, 27 minutes and 33 seconds in front of a home crowd who roared her over the finish line.

Finland's Alisa Vaini, smashed the championship record in an impressive 2hrs 22mins 26secs and almost five minutes quicker than Hungary's Lili Anna Vindics-Toth who grabbed silver.

Donnelly was the latest Great Britain athlete to bring home a medal, while she is also studying for a PhD in Victorian imperialism at Loughborough University which is due in just six weeks' time.

After adding bronze to her European cross country third place in 2023, Donnelly said: "I really hoped (I could get a medal today), but it was an optimistic goal.

"I had a bit of hamstring trouble in April so my block has been a bit different to normal, which probably isn't a bad thing.

"It got tough with about three laps to go because you know the hills by that point and know where the hard points are, so it was a proper rollercoaster.

"They (crowd) literally did get me to the end. I think I had a bit of an out of body experience, I was just being screamed at which I love."

In the men's marathon, Mahamed Mahamed led the British men's team home in seventh place with a time of 2:09:43 in a race which was won by Germany's Amanal Petros, who also produced a championship record of two hours, nine minutes and 11 seconds.

History made as Hunt claims fourth gold at Euro Champs

BY JAMES TONEY IN BIRMINGHAM

Amy Hunt is officially a history-maker and a record-breaker too.

Hunt joined forces with Jeremiah Azu, Dina Asher-Smith and Zharnel Hughes to scorch to mixed 4x100m gold in a new European record of 39.97 seconds.

She becomes the first athlete to win four golds at the same European Championships after her success in the 100m, 200m and women's sprint relay.

Relay running is all about timing and trust, but the mixed event, which makes its Olympic debut in Los Angeles, is new on the programme and presents a unique technical challenge.

Differences in speed, stride length and acceleration between male and female athletes make the changeovers particularly difficult to perfect.

But despite limited practice time, Hunt waited, heart in mouth, on the anchor leg and then powered down the home straight to hold off a fast-finishing Germany in a thrilling finale. "Four golds was the dream and perhaps dreams do come true," said Hunt.

"I'll never forget this week and to finish it off with my best friends in the sport is so special.

"We'd not worked on these changeovers until about an hour ago and we were so smooth. I can't wait to see where we take this event.

"It was like queueing for a rollercoaster – you are just so nervous, but when you're done you want to do it all over again."

Hunt, 24, writes a new chapter in the sport and so does Asher-Smith. No athlete has ever won more medals at the European Championships – 11 and counting, with eight of them gold.

Asher-Smith might be adjusting to no longer being the star turn of British women's sprinting, but you don't need to spend long on her Wikipedia page to realise the scale of her achievements.

She is perhaps the best example of Seb Coe's promise to "Inspire a Generation" at the London 2012 Olympics, where she volunteered as a kit-bag carrier on Super Saturday.

Within a year, she'd won the first of what is now 26 career championship medals.

"I hear the stats but they can go in one ear and out of the other," she said. "Maybe it will sink in one day, perhaps in 10 years' time when I can look back and actually appreciate it.

"It's just an honour to be in the position to win these medals. It's a privilege to do this and be part of this team. Some of the medals I won individually, but lots have been won with a team and that just means so much."

Azu got Great Britain started with a 10.54s opening leg and Asher-Smith flew down the back straight, handing off to Hughes, the 200m silver medallist this week, after 10.04s. The crowd roared as Hughes set Hunt off in 9.53 seconds, and Hunt, the English literature graduate-turned-history-maker, anchored the hosts home in 9.86s.

Hunt's next challenge will be to take her European domination and translate it on to the global stage. Her 200m world silver last year shows what's possible, but there are 13 faster athletes in the world this season over the distance and 24 in the 100m.

However, her regular racing schedule in both events means she has a world ranking that should secure an invite to the £7m World Athletics Ultimate Championships in Budapest next month.

And that will be a gilt-edged chance to test where she stands ahead of next year's Worlds in Beijing.

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GOLDEN GIRL: Amy Hunt

Amy Hunt is all smiles as

Georgia Hunter Bell is victorious again in the 1500m.

Hunter Bell continues hot streak

Georgia Hunter Bell delivered a tactical masterclass to land her first European gold.

The 32-year-old waited for her time to pounce in a cagey women's 1500m final and produced a devastating kick around the final bend to streak clear for her third major success of a brilliant year.

She started 2026 aiming for four and the World Indoor and Commonwealth champion now just has the inaugural World Athletics Ultimate Championships in Budapest to come.

"It wasn't easy, it's never easy, but I felt really calm and confident," she said.

"I have been on a winning streak, I have had failures before when I've been the favourite but I've really just tried to relax everything and not overcomplicate it. When it's time to go, get going."

The early pace was modest in the final individual race of this year's continental showpiece but Hunter Bell never looked troubled.

became the first athlete to win four gold medals at a single European Championships last night.

she crosses the line to claim mixed relay gold.

Jeremiah Azu and Dina Asher-Smith.

with masterclass to seize Birmingham title

She hit the bell with a narrow lead and kept a firm grip of the inside line to keep her straining rivals at bay.

Hunter Bell seized control with 150 metres to go and there was never going to be any catching her from there.

She crossed the line with arms outstretched as she went one better than training partner Keely Hodgkinson, who took 800m silver on Friday night, for her latest statement success.

The dilemma now for Hunter Bell is which distance to target. Her recent Commonwealth triumph and last year's World Championship silver came over two laps and she could add further intrigue to a field including Hodgkinson, Audrey Werro and Femke Broeders-Bol if she prioritises the shorter distance. But this performance showed she is equally at home over the longer trip.

Elsewhere, Jazmin Sawyers won her third European medal 10 years after her first as she took silver in the women's long jump – missing gold by just one centimetre.

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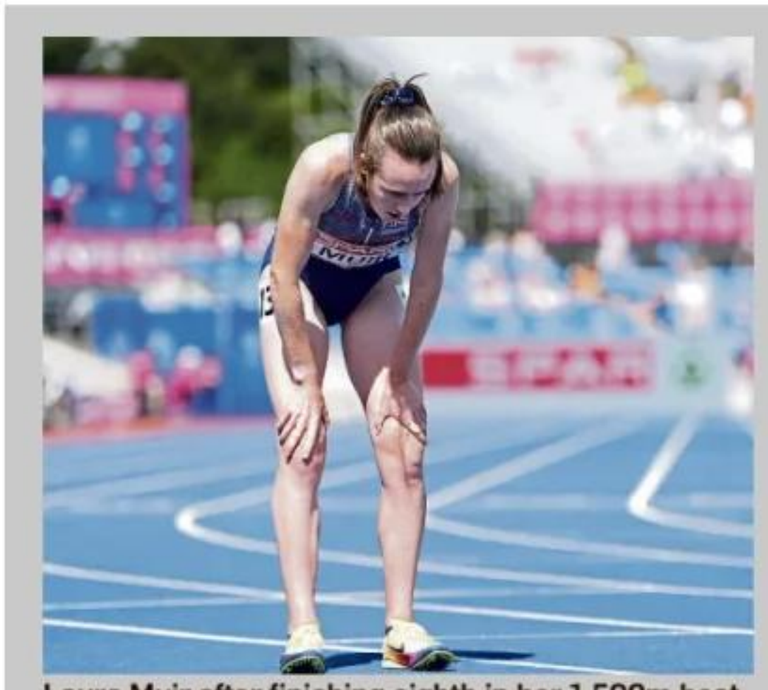

Laura Muir after finishing eighth in her 1,500m heat.

Muir upbeat despite missing out on final

Laura Muir was no age-group superstar and nobody tipped her for greatness – more than a decade later, she is still trying to defy expectations.

It's eight years since she won the first of two European 1,500m titles in Berlin and four since her last major outdoor championship medal.

She finished 16th in the 5,000m at the recent Commonwealth Games, after being hit by an untimely stitch, and her preparations for the European Championships were then disrupted by an ankle injury.

Muir finished eighth in her 1,500m heat, with only the top six advancing, but admitted she arrived in Birmingham with different expectations.

"It was 50/50 that I was going to make the start line," she admitted.

"I've won these championships twice, Britain have never hosted them before, and I just wanted to show up and try my best.

"I couldn't walk for a couple of days after Glasgow.

"I swam for a couple of days and then tried running, but it wasn't pretty.

"It's mixed emotions, but I'm pleased with how I ran there. I put myself in the best position possible to make the top six.

"That was a really competitive round. The girls were so fast and I had to be at my best to make the final, let alone get on the podium.

"I gave it my best shot and I'm proud of that."

Georgia Hunter Bell, just one year younger than the 33-year-old Muir, now shares the focus of British middle-distance running with training partner Keely Hodgkinson.

However, the Scot believes she can still challenge for medals and lower her 3:53.37 personal best, set when she just missed the podium at the Paris Olympics.

She also confirmed her ambitions remain focused on the 1,500m, despite stepping up in distance at Glasgow.

"I'm 33 and still learning," she said.

"I've learned more about myself this year than I have in a lot of years combined.

"You always want to be on podiums and winning medals, but sometimes you've got to work out what you need to do more and less of to get to the place you need to be."

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5.20 FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT RACEDAY-READY.COM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £8,400 added 3YO plus 5f 21yd Penalty Value £4,397

1 453112 **South Shore 7-2 (33) (CD) (BF)** R M H Cowell 5 10 0 — **C J Whiteley (3) 2**
2 725378 **Kiss And Run 10-1 (21) (CD) (BF)** R Cook & J Bridger 5 9 12 — **Mason Paetel 4**
3 006400 **Muker 20-1 (IRE) (16) (D)** N Tinkler 8 9 12 — **Alex Jary 6**
4 142113 **Thornaby Pearl 6-1 (9) (D)** Adrian Nicholls 8 9 12 — **Jake Dickson (5) 8**
5 -67351 **Too Darn Good 5-1 (IRE) (21) (CD)** H Candy 3 9 9 — **Taryn Langley (3) 7**
6 -84112 **Sunlit Sea 9-4 (9) (D) (BF)** Sir Mark Prescott 3 9 8 — **Poppy Scott (7) 1 B**
7 334313 **So Smart 7-1 (IRE) (24) (D)** G Harris 7 9 6 — **Ashley Lewis 5**
8 2-7803 **Bellini Spirit 20-1 (IRE) (15)** J L Flint 3 9 1 — **Harry Burns 3**
9 462139 **Trust Sergei 25-1 (18) (D)** G Hanmer 4 9 0 — **Charlie Tucker (7) 9**

16 declared.

5.55 PLAY THE MATCHBOOK MATCH 6 MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) £10,000 added 2YO only 6f 12yds Penalty Value £5,400

1 **Arthur Carrot 8-1** G Boughey 2 9 7 — **Ray Dawson 10**
2 5 **Astralite 14-1 (IRE) (23)** Harry Charlton 2 9 7 — **Lewis Edmunds 7**
3 93 **Hemustbeanangel 25-1 (IRE) (23)** R A Teal 2 9 7 — **Owen Lewis (5) 5**
4 6 **Lion Of God 33-1 (IRE) (53)** M Botti 2 9 7 — **Tom Marquand 8**
5 22 **Mithaaly Evens (20) (BF)** G Boughey 2 9 7 — **Billy Loughnane 11**
6 **Motion Carried 14-1** S C Williams 2 9 7 — **S M Levey 9**
7 **Nobelos 10-1 (IRE)** C Hills 2 9 7 — **H Crouch 3**
8 0 **Best Yet 33-1 (34)** R Hughes 2 9 2 — **Cieren Fallon 1**
9 42 **Fairy Well 11-4 (IRE) (19)** Jane Chapple-Hyam 2 9 2 — **Rossa Ryan 2**
10 0867 **Trust Havana 50-1 (IRE) (24)** G Hanmer 2 9 2 — **Grace McEntee 6**
11 90760 **Trust In Far 100-1 (IRE) (18)** G Hanmer 2 9 2 — **Charlie Tucker (7) 4**

16 declared.

6.25 BET 20 GET 40 IN FREE BETS AT MATCHBOOK.COM NURSERY (CLASS 4) £10,800 added 2YO only 5f 21yd Penalty Value £5,653

1 4150 **Sky Secret 11-2 (17) (D)** C G Cox 2 9 10 — **Rossa Ryan 1**
2 140 **Magic Effort 4-1 (61) (D)** I Mohammed & J Santos 2 9 5 — **Tom Marquand 3**
3 4108 **Envision 7-1 (19) (CD)** James Owen 2 9 4 — **Cieren Fallon 5**
4 455119 **Paper View 5-1 (IRE) (17)** R Hannon 2 9 2 — **S M Levey 6**
5 731 **Black Velvet Boy 6-4 (IRE) (20) (D)** J & S Quinn 2 9 1 — **Jason Hart 2**
6 44 **Inca Warrior 12-1 (IRE) (30)** N Tinkler 2 8 4 — **Alex Jary (3) 4**

16 declared.

6.55 MATCHBOOK LOVES RACING HANDICAP (CLASS 4) £10,800 added 3YO plus 6f 12yds Penalty Value £5,653

1 1-6261 **Ray Mon Dough 11-4 (8) (D)** Oliver Cole 3 10 3 (6ex) — **H Crouch 7**
2 440030 **Righthere Rightnow 12-1 (FR) (37)** R Spencer 4 9 8 — **George Wood 5**
3 2-1901 **Waistcoat 5-1 (25) (D)** R Burdon 5 9 7 — **J Mitchell 3**
4 624412 **Under The Twilight 6-1 (19) (CD)** M Blake 8 9 7 — **Harry Davies 1**
5 -52373 **Buccabay 12-1 (IRE) (28) (CD)** Eve Johnson Houghton 6 9 6 — **Harry Vigors (5) 6**
6 133125 **Lequinto 8-1 (IRE) (10) (CD)** A W Carroll 9 9 4 — **Rossa Ryan 4**
7 98-113 **Tenbob Tommy 8-1 (10) (J566) (D)** Miss S West 5 9 4 — **Charles Bishop 2**
8 1-0725 **Cashbox 8-1 (IRE) (19) (D)** C Hills 3 9 3 — **D Egan 9 B**
9 572217 **Amazonian Dream 7-1 (IRE) (21) (CD) (BF)** B R Millman 7 9 3 — **Lewis Edmunds 8**

16 declared.

7.25 MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE SUPPORTING UK RACING HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £7,200 added 3YO plus 6f 12yds Penalty Value £3,768

1 067461 **Yes Waliim 4-1 (IRE) (6)** R Hughes 3 9 9 — **Oliver Hoodless (7) 9**
2 207445 **Nzuri 14-1 (17)** F Brennan 3 9 9 — **Rose Dawes (5) 2**
3 970912 **Manhattan Chute 5-1 (IRE) (10) (D)** J & S Best 4 9 9 — **S M Levey 6**
4 60-053 **Geemann 12-1 (8)** J Tickle 3 9 8 — **Taylor Fisher 8**
5 89-524 **Sundiata Keita 10-1 (IRE) (8) (BF)** J L Flint 4 9 7 — **William Carson 1**
6 4-6076 **Reporter 20-1 (10) (C)** S Hodgson 4 9 6 — **William Carver 11 H**
7 997541 **Caitlin G 6-1 (15)** M Fenton (IRE) 3 9 5 — **Grace McEntee 4**
8 695321 **Jackie Brown 7-1 (IRE) (17) (D)** A Wintle 6 9 5 — **D Egan 10**
9 874760 **Rainbow Sorbet 33-1 (IRE) (9)** J & S Best 4 9 3 — **Ashley Lewis (3) 12 B**
10 834923 **Sisters In The Sky 8-1 (17) (D)** G Harris 7 9 3 — **Rossa Ryan 7**
11 038432 **Symbol of Hope 8-1 (17) (D)** G Harris 8 9 3 — **Ray Dawson 5**
12 894567 **Just King High 12-1 (IRE) (9)** R Burdon 4 9 2 — **Tom Marquand 3 B**

16 declared.

7.55 MATCHBOOK HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £7,200 added 3YO plus 1m 3f 99yds Penalty Value £3,768

1 -62632 **Trojan Truth 3-1 (20) (CD)** E De Giles 7 9 12 — **Owen Lewis (5) 2 B**
2 279575 **Pershalla 10-1 (19)** Mrs A J Perrett 4 9 12 — **Cieren Fallon 1 H**
3 794066 **Saliko 7-1 (28)** Jack Jones 4 9 12 — **Tom Marquand 5**
4 652138 **Guinness Lad 6-1 (IRE) (28) (J605) (CD)** N P Mulholland 6 9 4 — **Taylor Fisher 3 H**
5 235213 **Highland Harvey 4-1 (IRE) (12) (D) (BF)** Gihan Arnolda 4 9 4 — **Ray Dawson 8**
6 6740/ **Mix De Gris 20-1 (FR) (734) (J504)** Miss S West 5 9 4 — **Rose Dawes (5) 7**
7 077888 **Judge Frank 16-1 (IRE) (24) (C)** J L Flint 5 8 12 — **William Carson 4**
8 345332 **Risk Averse Rebel 7-2 (IRE) (23)** G Hanmer 3 8 11 — **Grace McEntee 6**
9 0-0804 **Mister Pretentious 20-1 (23)** L A Dace 3 8 4 — **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 9**

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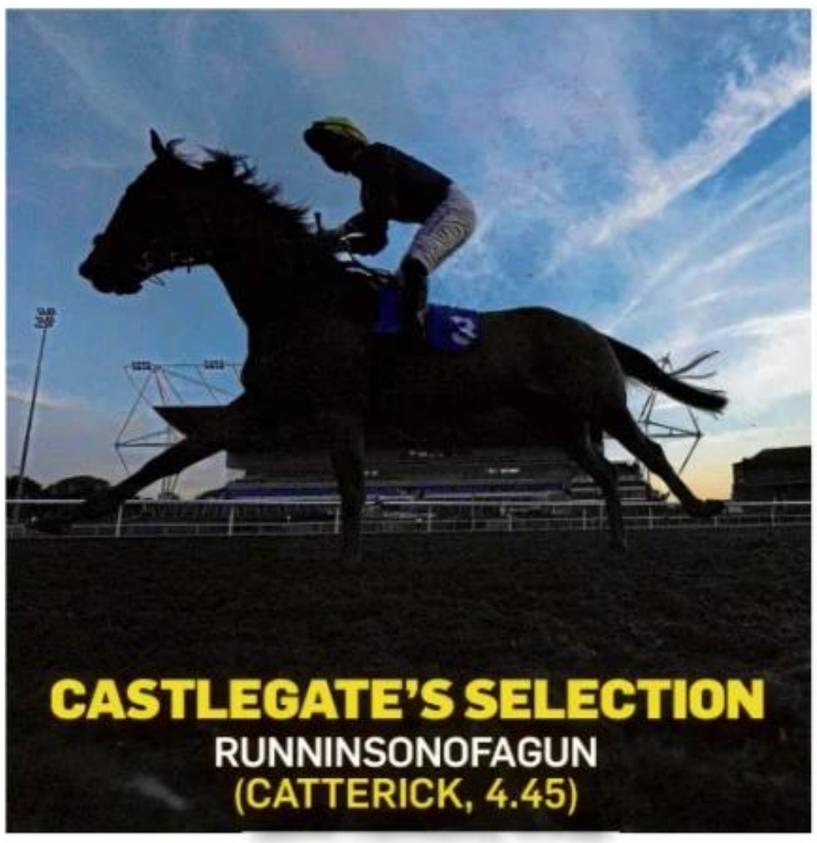

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2.15 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £8,000 added 4YO plus 1m 4f 13yds Penalty Value £3,974

1 597585 **Austrian Theory 7-1 (IRE) (23)** T D Easterby 7 11 2 — **Mr Thomas Easterby (3) 5**
2 741313 **Super Hit 9-2 (FR) (16) (BF)** James Owen 5 10 13 — **Mr Henry Callan 7 H**
3 289341 **Mariner 11-4 (IRE) (16) (J612)** J Candlish 5 10 11 — **Mr Jamie Neild 1**
4 -00665 **Spanish Hustle 16-1 (16) (J911) (D)** J S Goldie 8 10 10 — **Miss Kayleigh Williams (5) 2**
5 15-436 **Stellarmasterpiece 4-1 (FR) (98) (J29) (CD)** Micky Hammond 6 10 9 — **Miss Becky Smith 3**
6 -82466 **Shahbaz 14-1 (IRE) (14) (J686) (D)** A Watson 6 10 6 — **Miss Brodie Hampson 6 B**
7 385321 **Star Start 3-1 (IRE) (12)** Mrs R Carr 6 10 3 — **Miss C Parker (5) 4**

15 declared.

2.45 WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT NEAL KIDD NURSERY (CLASS 6) £7,000 added 2YO only 5f 212yds Penalty Value £3,664

1 74044 **Harry's Pop 4-1 (14)** Dylan Cunha 2 9 9 — **S H James 5**
2 64453 **Aura Of Melania 5-1 (21)** Roger Fell 2 9 7 — **O McSweeney 4**
3 3558 **Eevee Star 12-1 (24)** E Bethell 2 9 7 — **O J Orr 7**
4 223779 **Cheeky Chesca 14-1 (IRE) (16)** T D Easterby 2 9 5 — **D Allan 1**
5 796 **Soldier's Echo 6-1 (IRE) (28)** H Palmer 2 9 3 — **Shane Gray 3**
6 47656 **Invicta Rose 10-1 (IRE) (26)** Ollie Sangster 2 8 13 — **Billy Garritty 2**
7 8662 **So Tempting 2-1 (24)** T Ward 2 8 11 — **P J McDonald 8**
8 657 **Athos 10-1 (25)** J Butler 2 8 11 — **Joanna Mason 6**

10 declared.

3.15 CHAPMAN MILESTONES CELEBRATION, THANK YOU NHS HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £7,000 added 3YO plus 5f 212yds Penalty Value £3,664

1 671830 **Jm Jhingree 16-1 (IRE) (16)** Ewan Whillans 4 9 13 — **P J McDonald 6**
2 342677 **Daytona Lady 12-1 (IRE) (11) (D)** Mrs R Carr 6 9 11 — **J P Sullivan 8**
3 274123 **Good Karma 11-2 (26)** J Riches 6 9 10 — **Ethan Tindall (5) 4**
4 103341 **Miss Rainbow 4-1 (IRE) (13) (CD)** Miss Tracy Waggott 5 9 10 — **Barry McHugh 9 V**
5 10-565 **Quercus 14-1 (IRE) (33) (CD)** Mrs A Duffield 9 9 10 — **Shane Gray 2**
6 441636 **One Of Our Own 14-1 (31) (CD)** R Menzies 6 9 7 — **A Mullen 5**
7 821014 **Barmyblade 10-1 (IRE) (13) (CD)** T D Easterby 4 9 5 — **D Allan 3**
8 -00753 **Edmond Halley 7-2 (IRE) (7) (BF)** E Bethell 4 9 5 — **D J Orr 7**
9 553932 **Papa Don't Preach 3-1 (IRE) (15) (BF)** K Frost 7 9 4 — **William Pyle 1 H**

10 declared.

3.45 CONSTANT SECURITY SERVICES NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) £10,000 added 3YO plus 5f Penalty Value £5,400

1 234-74 **Star Noir 7-2 (76) (BF)** M & D Easterby 3 9 7 — **Billy Garritty 5**
2 439-07 **Top Lad 10-1 (38)** M & D Easterby 3 9 7 — **Joanna Mason 6**
3 **Rocktoun Heart 33-1 (IRE)** Miss L A Perratt 4 9 4 — **P Mulrennan 2**
4 **Miss Tino 33-1** D Thompson 3 9 2 — **Barry McHugh 4**
5 6-4443 **Night Shining 4-5 (IRE) (14) (BF)** G Boughey 3 9 2 — **P Cosgrave 1**
6 43 **Preferred 4-1 (206)** J Tate 3 9 2 — **P J McDonald 3 H**

15 declared.

4.15 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £8,000 added 3YO plus 5f Penalty Value £4,187

1 533170 **Tees Aggregates 7-1 (IRE) (23) (CD)** Adrian Nicholls 4 10 0 — **J Garritty 8**
2 369410 **Emperor's Son 14-1 (IRE) (44) (D)** Samantha & Jacqueline Coward 5 10 0 — **Joanna Mason 11 H**
3 637919 **Our Absent Friends 10-1 (IRE) (3) (CD)** T Davidson 8 9 13 — **D Allan 4**
4 8-1365 **Miss Brazen 10-1 (62) (D)** M & D Easterby 6 9 13 — **Billy Garritty 9**
5 296234 **Betweenthesticks 6-1 (12) (CD)** Mrs R Carr 6 9 12 — **J P Sullivan 7**
6 215528 **Canaria Queen 8-1 (16) (D)** T D Easterby 6 9 12 — **D Fentiman 2**
7 743255 **Beaumadier 8-1 (IRE) (21) (D)** D M Loughnane 6 9 12 — **Hope Regan (7) 6**
8 4-5413 **Staniel Cay 5-1 (IRE) (96) (D) (BF)** Grant Tuer 3 9 8 — **O J Orr 1**
9 742144 **Invincible Crown 10-1 (IRE) (14) (D)** Mrs R Carr 4 9 2 — **T Eaves 10**
10 182383 **Irish Dancer 10-1 (IRE) (24) (CD)** D Carroll 6 9 0 — **Zak Wheatley 5**
11 28-943 **Cheerleader 6-1 (21) (CD)** Miss T Jackson 4 8 12 — **A Mullen 3**

15 declared.

4.45 RACING AGAIN 26TH AUGUST HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £8,000 added 3YO plus 7f 6yds Penalty Value £4,187

1 97-640 **Folkene 16-1 (FR) (74) (D)** Roger Fell 4 10 0 — **O McSweeney 8**
2 117147 **Evocative Spark 10-1 (IRE) (10) (CD)** J Riches 7 10 0 — **Ethan Tindall (5) 6 V**
3 451111 **Classy Clarets 5-2 (IRE) (32) (CD)** I Jardine 5 9 13 — **Shay Farmer (5) 7 H**
4 351322 **Runninsonofagun 5-1 (IRE) (9) (BF)** T Davidson 4 9 12 — **J Garritty 3 B**
5 0-2612 **Carolus Magnus 6-1 (IRE) (20) (D)** M & D Easterby 8 9 11 — **Joanna Mason 5**
6 442533 **Black Storm 7-1 (IRE) (9) (D)** K Scott 5 9 10 — **O J Orr 2 B**
7 784455 **No Return 14-1 (IRE) (44)** C Johnston 4 9 10 — **P J McDonald 10**
8 6553-4 **Willolarupi 20-1 (IRE) (31)** D Carroll 5 9 9 — **Zak Wheatley 1**
9 753020 **Vince Le Prince 12-1 (9) (CD)** T D Easterby 6 9 9 — **D Allan 4**
10 228661 **Emerald Army 6-1 (IRE) (16) (CD)** Mrs R Carr 5 9 0 — **J P Sullivan 9**

15 declared.

LINGFIELD

GOING – Standard

2.30 FREE BETS ON ATTHERACES.COM NURSERY (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 2YO only 1m 1yd Penalty Value £3,978

1 1030 **Crazy Cubana 7-1 (IRE) (18)** E Walker 2 9 9 — **K Shoemark 5**
2 6152 **Poppy Foxy 4-1 (IRE) (41) (BF)** Charlie Clover 2 9 8 — **Saffie Osborne 4**
3 43 **Pequenita 4-1 (39)** A M Balding 2 9 8 — **Oisin Murphy 3**
4 463 **Little Mester 8-1 (10)** S C Williams 2 9 5 — **Jack Doughty 6**
5 05232 **Parading 6-1 (20)** R Hughes 2 9 5 — **P J Dobbs 2**
6 545431 **Magical Life 15-8 (7) (D)** J S Moore 2 8 9 (6ex) — **William Cox 1**

12 declared.

3.00 SINGAPORE POOLS TROPHY RACE RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 5) £8,000 added 3YO to 5YO 1m 1yd Penalty Value £4,320

1 02-5 **Itica 3-1 (209)** A M Balding 3 9 7 — **Oisin Murphy 3**
2 3-2 **Justice Court 7-4 (IRE) (16)** J A Osborne 3 9 7 — **Saffie Osborne 7**
3 **Marchmont 10-1 (IRE)** Harry Eustace 3 9 7 — **K Shoemark 9**
4 **Nascondino 20-1 (IRE)** D & C Kubler 3 9 7 — **Ebrahim Nader 8**
5 56 **Gallant Pioneer 25-1 (IRE) (25)** Charlie Pike 3 9 5 — **Thomas Greatrex 5**
6 0 **Inspectre 66-1 (IRE) (25)** G & J Moore 3 9 5 — **Rob Hornby 4 H**
7 4-5825 **Rapide Vega 7-2 (IRE) (48)** A Keatley 3 9 5 — **Mikey Sheehy 2**
8 0 **Lady Blitzle 66-1 (12)** J Channon 3 9 2 — **Nicola Currie 6**
9 **Au Point 20-1** M L W Bell 3 9 0 — **Callum Shepherd 1**
10 0-8605 **Barbuda Bay 8-1 (16)** R A Teal 3 9 0 — **D C Costello 10 B**

12 declared.

3.30 DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £6,200 added 4YO plus 1m 7f 169yds Penalty Value £3,245

1 731111 **Belle Of Kt 8-11 (2) (C)** J S Moore 5 10 4 (10ex) — **Millie Wonnacott (5) 6**
2 081802 **Le Rouge Chinois 3-1 (DEN) (12) (CD)** M Appleby 6 9 9 — **Oisin Murphy 2**
3 40-653 **Animato (44) (J30) (D)** D McCain Jnr 7 9 9 — **Non Runner 4**
4 756345 **Regally Blonde 12-1 (12) (J503) (D)** B I Case 7 9 2 — **Saffie Osborne 1 B**
5 924446 **Fornido 16-1 (12)** M J Attwater 4 9 2 — **Nicola Currie 5**
6 -25642 **Star Of Jupiter 6-1 (IRE) (13)** D M Loughnane 5 8 13 — **Rob Hornby 3 B**

14 declared.

4.00 FREE RACE REPLAYS ON ATTHERACES.COM FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 3YO plus 6f 1yd Penalty Value £3,978

1 581407 **Tronido 8-1 (39) (C)** S Dow 5 9 11 — **Tyler Heard 2 H**
2 5253 **Veil Of Clouds 6-4 (31) (BF)** S & E Crisford 3 9 9 — **Callum Shepherd 4**
3 -23174 **Egotistical 5-2 (52) (D) (BF)** R Varian 3 9 9 — **Ross Coakley 5**
4 72-20 **Dark Brunette 5-1 (IRE) (74)** Jane Chapple-Hyam 3 9 9 — **Oisin Murphy 1**
5 16-554 **Bessie Wallis 6-1 (IRE) (70) (C)** M J Attwater 3 9 4 — **S C Cronin (5) 3 H**

12 declared.

4.30 FREE TIPS ON ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £6,200 added 3YO only 5f 6yds Penalty Value £3,245

1 -15805 **Star Marian 13-2 (14) (D)** D Loughnane 3 9 9 — **Oisin Murphy 5 B**
2 43012 **Pure Passion 10-11 (4) (D)** S C Williams 3 9 9 — **Jack Doughty 2**
3 472059 **Dusk Damsel 25-1 (27)** J S Moore 3 9 9 — **Millie Wonnacott (5) 3 B**
4 479 **Mariselle 8-1 (IRE) (34)** Adam Kirby 3 9 1 — **Callum Shepherd 4**
5 7087 **Mimime 33-1 (IRE) (13)** M Appleby 3 9 1 — **Saffie Osborne 6**
6 346683 **Saeculamation 5-2 (IRE) (18)** G G Margarson 3 9 0 — **K Shoemark 1**

10 declared.

5.00 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £6,200 added 3YO plus 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,245

1 6550 **Six Blue 25-1 (40) (J163)** R T Phillips 6 9 12 — **K Shoemark 6**
2 -56445 **Forca Timao 9-2 (IRE) (82)** M Pattinson 6 9 12 — **Alfie Redman (7) 3 H**
3 74-043 **Uzincso 2-1 (68)** J Butler 10 9 11 — **Mikey Sheehy 7**
4 329738 **Beta Reader 16-1 (47)** Mrs L J Mongan 4 9 8 — **Georgia Dobie 1**
5 405868 **Twilight Glow 14-1 (32)** J G Portman 3 9 5 — **Rob Hornby 4**
6 132984 **Bergamo Gold 14-1 (IRE) (34) (CD)** C Johnston 3 9 5 — **Callum Shepherd 8**
7 80-664 **Boston Run 8-1 (IRE) (13)** S Dow 4 9 4 — **Oisin Murphy 5**
8 6-2153 **Hove Ranger 9-4 (FR) (48) (BF)** G & J Moore 3 8 13 — **Rhys Clutterbuck 2**

14 declared.

WOLVERHAMPTON

GOING – Standard

5.10 CAVANI STYLE (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 3YO plus 7f 36yds Penalty Value £3,978

1 274551 **So Sassy 9-2 (IRE) (31) (CD)** J R Fanshawe 4 10 0 — **Kaiya Fraser 3 V**
2 798565 **Ziggy's Queen 14-1 (IRE) (24) (C) (D)** R A Fahey 5 9 11 — **Harry Russell 10 H**
3 145213 **Amelia's Joy 5-1 (26) (CD)** M Herrington 4 9 11 — **David Probert 4**
4 620248 **Dream Illusion 10-1 (11) (CD)** M Herrington 4 9 10 — **Dylan Hogan 9**
5 253263 **Hamaleel 13-2 (31)** A Watson 3 9 7 — **Toby Moore (7) 6 B**
6 658961 **Espanita 5-1 (IRE) (17) (CD)** C Johnston 3 9 5 — **Oliver Stammers 1 H**
7 34225 **Celtic Arrow 8-1 (FR) (16)** Miss J A Camacho 3 9 5 — **Ryan Sexton 5**
8 -89853 **Angels' Share 6-1 (17) (D)** W J Knight 3 9 4 — **Marco Ghiani 8**
9 9-6892 **Redredrobin 8-1 (12) (D)** M S Saunders 9 9 3 — **Edward Greatrex 7**
10 526710 **South Coast Star 20-1 (IRE) (45) (CD)** H Palmer 3 9 1 — **R Havlin 2**

12 declared.

5.40 RACE AND REST - WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) £10,000 added 2YO only 7f 36yds Penalty Value £5,400

1 7506 **Clear Horizon 8-1 (20)** J G Portman 2 9 2 — **Olivia Tubb (5) 5**
2 8 **Eagle Storm 10-1 (16)** C Johnston 2 9 2 — **Daniel Muscutt 3**
3 72424 **Forest Berry 7-2 (16)** Sir Mark Prescott 2 9 2 — **L Morris 6**
4 3 **Halcon 10-3 (61)** T D Easterby 2 9 2 — **Sean Kirrane 7**
5 **Heavenly Parole 12-1** M L W Bell 2 9 2 — **S De Sousa 9**
6 5 **Pon Pon Dalia 9-2 (IRE) (16)** M Botti 2 9 2 — **Marco Ghiani 8**
7 73 **Steamy Wonder 6-1 (13)** Dylan Cunha 2 9 2 — **S Donohoe 2**
8 7 **Theft 8-1 (IRE) (16)** George Scott 2 9 2 — **Darragh Keenan 1**
9 09 **Velma Dinkley 50-1 (47)** Faye Bramley 2 9 2 — **C Lee 4**

12 declared.

6.10 CAVANI SPRINT IN STYLE NURSERY (DIV 1) (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 2YO only 6f 20yds Penalty Value £3,978

1 41054 **Margaret's Pearl 6-1 (44)** Lemos Souza 2 9 9 — **C Lee 10**
2 754 **Menhaal 5-1 (IRE) (11)** Owen Burrows 2 9 7 — **David Probert 7**
3 61 **Sydney Grace 11-2 (IRE) (69)** C Fellowes 2 9 7 — **Paddy Bradley 6**
4 33 **Wondervision 5-1 (IRE) (86) (BF)** J Channon 2 9 3 — **George Bass 2**
5 026 **Green Titan 13-2 (53) (BF)** G Boughey 2 9 3 — **Jack Callan 1**
6 34 **Horndean 10-1 (FR) (33)** Adam Kirby 2 9 2 — **D Tudhope 5**
7 975 **Royal Titan 16-1 (USA) (23)** M Botti 2 9 1 — **Marco Ghiani 4**
8 4402 **Nascent Star 9-2 (12)** H Palmer 2 9 1 — **R Havlin 3**
9 34 **Lola 16-1 (42)** T Ward 2 8 10 — **Pierre-Louis Jamin 9**
10 33765 **Sable Island 16-1 (26)** C A Dwyer 2 8 10 — **S De Sousa 8**

13 declared.

6.40 CAVANI SPRINT IN STYLE NURSERY (DIV 2) (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 2YO only 6f 20yds Penalty Value £3,978

1 104 **Angel Ang 8-1 (IRE) (21) (CD)** P D Evans 2 9 9 — **David Probert 8**
2 33 **Sea Palace 5-1 (49)** Ollie Sangster 2 9 9 — **S Donohoe 7**
3 34414 **Cailin Aine 7-2 (IRE) (66)** T D Easterby 2 9 6 — **Sean Kirrane 1**
4 983 **Rex Regum 8-1 (21)** Tom Clover 2 9 5 — **C Lee 5**
5 526 **Greek Street 8-1 (IRE) (86)** Harry Eustace 2 9 4 — **Kaiya Fraser 3**
6 049561 **Invincible Isaac 7-1 (12) (D)** Lemos Souza 2 9 3 — **S De Sousa 2 V**
7 213673 **Seed Ya Later 6-1 (IRE) (16)** J Channon 2 9 3 — **George Bass 6 H**
8 763 **Unbeatable Fame 10-1 (IRE) (9)** R A Fahey 2 9 1 — **Cam Hardie 4**
9 906 **Zohar 14-1 (IRE) (62)** C Fellowes 2 8 12 — **Paddy Bradley 10**
10 006 **Trust Yourself 14-1 (IRE) (51)** J Tate 2 8 11 — **L Morris 9**

13 declared.

7.10 FOLLOW ATTHERACES ON X HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 4YO plus 6f 20yds Penalty Value £3,978

1 144429 **Keldeo 13-2 (23) (D) (BF)** Ollie Pears 5 9 9 — **Harry Russell 4**
2 124577 **Travel Agent 10-1 (IRE) (31) (CD)** Adam Kirby 4 9 9 — **R Havlin 2**
3 02-968 **Tiger Tulip 8-1 (73) (CD)** H Main 5 9 9 — **L Morris 6**
4 -47961 **Maharajas Express 5-1 (23) (C) (D)** Ian Williams 6 9 7 — **David Probert 8**
5 13-686 **Bill Plumb 20-1 (IRE) (118) (CD)** P S McEntee 7 9 7 — **Daniel Muscutt 3**
6 440753 **Hectic 5-1 (11) (D)** L Bailey 6 9 7 — **Jason Watson 9**
7 963456 **Dicko The Legend 7-1 (IRE) (24) (CD)** L Bailey 6 9 7 — **D Tudhope 10**
8 685312 **Style King 5-2 (IRE) (13) (CD) (BF)** C A Dwyer 4 9 5 — **S De Sousa 5**
9 23-450 **In The City 25-1 (21)** W Greatrex 4 9 3 — **Edward Greatrex 1 V**
10 856369 **Blue Force 25-1 (IRE) (80) (C)** A Brittain 5 9 1 — **Cam Hardie 7 H**

13 declared.

7.40 BOOK HOTEL AND CONFERENCING AT WOLVERHAMPTON CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6) £6,200 added 3YO plus 5f 21yd Penalty Value £3,245

1 707656 **Alafdhal 5-1 (IRE) (12) (CD)** P S McEntee 8 9 9 — **Daniel Muscutt 3 V**
2 405775 **Battle Point 13-2 (IRE) (17) (D)** M J Attwater 7 9 9 — **Gina Mangan 8**
3 2597-7 **Jungle Dance 10-1 (IRE) (177) (CD)** J R Jenkins 5 9 9 — **C Lee 2**
4 870834 **Let's Go Hugo 5-2 (IRE) (9) (CD)** Ollie Pears 6 9 9 — **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 7**
5 934095 **Megaphone 5-1 (18) (CD)** S Dixon 4 9 9 — **K T O'Neill 9**
6 092398 **Mister Mcgregor 8-1 (IRE) (16)** M Mullineaux 4 9 9 — **S De Sousa 6 B**
7 52-307 **Rajeteriat 14-1 (10)** C Gordon 4 9 9 — **Jack Callan 5**
8 528806 **She Went Whoosh 12-1 (IRE) (47) (D)** S Dixon 4 9 9 — **Christian Howarth (3) 1**
9 -00356 **Our Hero Matty 10-1 (IRE) (13)** T Culhane & S Barclay 3 9 7 — **S Donohoe 4 B**

11 declared.

8.10 FOLLOW ATTHERACES ON INSTAGRAM HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £7,600 added 3YO plus 1m 4f 51yd Penalty Value £3,978

1 -40152 **Optician 5-1 (19) (CD) (BF)** M Herrington 6 10 2 — **David Probert 1**
2 55353- **Sigliosa 10-1 (315)** Dan Horsford 4 10 1 — **Jason Watson 10**
3 3/71-8 **Vaguer 20-1 (IRE) (43)** J R Fanshawe 6 10 1 — **Daniel Muscutt 6**
4 213310 **Clansman 8-1 (51) (D)** L Bailey 8 9 12 — **Toby Moore (7) 5**
5 62-155 **Serious Look 12-1 (IRE) (42) (C)** T Faulkner 6 9 12 — **R Havlin 11**
6 201044 **Joseph 16-1 (17)** J Butler 4 9 9 — **Jack Callan 9**
7 2-27 **Pure Moon 9-2 (109) (BF)** Tom Clover 3 9 7 — **C Lee 3**
8 3-373 **Prince Of Calypso 11-2 (IRE) (21)** E Bethell 3 9 4 — **D Tudhope 4**
9 643-62 **James Choice 5-1 (21)** W Greatrex 3 9 4 — **Edward Greatrex 2**
10 760 **Pace Attack 13-2 (IRE) (111)** Sir Mark Prescott 3 8 13 — **L Morris 8**
11 55-4 **Choir Boy 25-1 (IRE) (220)** A Brittain 3 8 11 — **Cam Hardie 7 V**

12 declared.

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

CATTERICK: 2.15 Star Start, 2.45 So Tempting, 3.15 Quercus, 3.45 Preferred, 4.15 Betweenthesticks, 4.45 Willolarupi.
LINGFIELD: 2.30 Poppy Foxy, 3.00 Justice Court, 3.30 Belle Of Kt, 4.00 Dark Brunette, 4.30 Pure Passion, 5.00 Boston Run.
WINDSOR: 5.20 South Shore, 5.55 MITHAALY (NAP), 6.25 Black Velvet Boy, 6.55 Waistcoat, 7.25 Caitlin G, 7.55 Trojan Truth.
WOLVERHAMPTON: 5.10 Amelia's Joy, 5.40 Halcon, 6.10 Menhaal, 6.40 Unbeatable Fame, 7.10 Style King, 7.40 Battle Point, 8.10 Optician.
DOUBLE: Mithaaly and Justice Court.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND

FRIDAY

KILMARNOCK (1) 3 **AYR UTD** (1) 2
Hugill (42), Schjonning-Larsen (79), Clescenco (89) — Stirton (5), Taylor (48)
Crowd: 12,365.

Kilmarnock (4-1-2-1-2): Stryjek, Brandon (Clescenco 39), Stanger, Deas, Schjonning-Larsen, Tshibola (O'Hara 69), Lowery, Ring, Kiltie, John-Jules (Owen 73), Hugill. **Subs not used:** McKenzie, Ferrie, Yfeko, Rice, Coughlin, Ellis. **Booked:** Schjonning-Larsen, Tshibola.
Ayr (4-2-3-1): Stone, Watret (Douglas 90), King (McAllister 73), Holt, Dick, Lyon (Murphy 90), McBeth, Taylor, Summers, McMann (Mitchell 82), Stirton. **Subs not used:** Russell, Want, Warbrick. **Booked:** Stirton.

SATURDAY

ABERDEEN (0) 3 **DUNDEE** (0) 0
Nisbet (51, 63), Ntelo (57)
Crowd: 10,018.

Aberdeen (4-2-3-1): Muller, Cadden, Mayo, Happe, Guinness-Walker, Ronan (Briedl 66), Aremu (Marshall 87), Olusanya, Ntelo (Armstrong 66), Yogane (Smith 77), Nisbet (Mouloua 77). **Subs not used:** Suman, Milne, Molloy, Fasanya. **Booked:** Happe, Olusanya.
Dundee (4-2-3-1): Goodman, Wright, Astley, O Bevan, Odutayo, Finnigan, Hamilton, J Bevan (Forrest 69), Westley, Reilly (Besir 69), Murray (Robertson 32). **Subs not used:** Halliday, O'Hara, Leiper, Crombie, Oosenbrugh, Bland.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 **CELTIC** (2) 4
Trusty (22), Duran (24), Tounekti (54), Nygren (63)
Crowd: 9,136.

Dundee Utd (4-3-3): Walton, Rawlins, Esselink, Forbes, Ciubotaru, Sevelj (Camara 82), Eskesen (Metsoko 63), Agyei, Randall (Merghem 71), Rose (Yoro 63), Sapsford (Bennie 63). **Subs not used:** Graham, Farrugia, Amissah, Iovu. **Booked:** Eskesen, Yoro.
Celtic (4-2-3-1): Sinisalo, Donovan, Carter-Vickers, Trusty (Murray 67), Scales, McGregor, Oxlade-Chamberlain (Baur 59), Duran, Nygren (McCowan 67), Tounekti (Hassan 71), Hogh (Forrest 67). **Subs not used:** Doohan, Tierney, Hatate, Osmand. **Booked:** Carter-Vickers.

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 **ROSS COUNTY** (0) 2
Oyirwoth (76) — Lindsay (58), Chin (85)
Crowd: 3,535.

Dunfermline (3-4-1-2): Oxborough, J Tod, Donnelly, Robinson (Cooper 59), Kearney (Lobban 59), Amade, Gilmour (Oyirwoth 59), Fraser, A Tod, Shaw (Adams 87), Kane (Morrison 46). **Subs not used:** Dibaga, Abdulai, Rudden, Bray. **Booked:** J Tod.
Ross County (4-1-4-1): Foster, Randall, Wright, L Reid (Williamson 81), Strapp, Docherty (Phillips 79), McCarvel (Chin 71), Turner (Cornelius 71), Lindsay, Emslie, Graham. **Subs not used:** Wade, Forrester, MacLeod, Jamieson, J Reid. **Booked:** Lindsay, L Reid.

YESTERDAY

HEARTS (1) 6 **INVERNESS CT** (0) 2
Borchgrevink (16), Mato (59), Miller (82 pen, 90), Wilson (84), Braga (90) — Duncan (54), Bavidge (56)
Crowd: 15,327.

Hearts (4-2-3-1): Reus, Borchgrevink, Findlay, McCart, Miller, Magnusson (Spittal 59), Renaud, Kerjota (Dhanda 90), Guendouz (Braga 59), Mato (McPake 59), Ba-Sy (Wilson 46). **Subs not used:** Fulton, McEntee, Kabore, Altena. **Booked:** Wilson.
Inverness CT (3-5-2): Munro, Macleod, Savage, Devine, Duncan (Longstaff 78), Allan (Bates 86), Shinnie, Mackinnon (Sole 52), Boutin, Stewart (MacGregor 86), Bavidge (Kargbo 86). **Subs not used:** Chalmers, Ross, Smith, Keir. **Booked:** Devine, Duncan.

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 **PARTICK THISTLE** (0) 0
Elding (12)
Crowd: 10,608.

Hibernian (3-4-1-2): Sallinger, O'Hora, Kerr, Iredale (Passlack 61), Megwa, Mulligan, Newell (Chaiwa 73), Mayor, McGrath (Suto 61), Lowe (Boyle 60), Elding (Campbell 73). **Subs not used:** Smith, Klidje, Cadden, Abdulai. **Booked:** Campbell, Iredale.
Partick (4-3-3): McFarlane, McPherson (Logan 72), Loughrey, O'Reilly (Ingram 60), Reading, Letsosa (Dempsey 69), Smyth, Crawford (Stanway 59), Drozd, Watt (Samuel 60), Fitzpatrick. **Subs not used:** Budinauckas, Falconer, Miller, Horn. **Booked:** Ingram, Reading.

RANGERS (2) 5 **ST MIRREN** (1) 1
Naderi (9), Dragojevic (18), Gassama (52), Penrice (54), McCausland (74) — Mochrie (30)
Crowd: 34,387.

Rangers (4-2-3-1): Pandur, Sterling (McCrorie 83), Penrice, Raskin, Fernandez, Chukwuani, Makhanya, Dragojevic (Neil 63), Gassama (McCausland 63), Naderi (Shankland 63), Yokota (Curtis 46). **Subs not used:** Kelly, Miovski, Devlin, Barron. **Booked:** Fernandez, McCausland.
St Mirren (4-2-3-1): Chapman, Richardson, Fraser, Gogic, John, Carr, Ramos (Taylor 59), Phillips (Fieldson 84), Kabia (Young 59), Mochrie (Douglas 84), Sule (Thomas 76). **Subs not used:** Urminsky, King, Calvin, McEvoy. **Booked:** Fraser.

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 **MOTHERWELL** (0) 0
O'Reilly (114)
Crowd: 1,943.

Stenhousemuir (4-2-3-1): D Jamieson, Meechan, Young, Bright, Bilham (Macintyre 65), Robson, Andersen (Buchanan 80), O'Donnell (Graham 106), Hodgkiss (Stevenson 65), Grant (Aitken 91), Shinnie (O'Reilly 76). **Subs not used:** N Jamieson, Hemfrey, Scally. **Booked:** Aitken, Bilham, Meechan, O'Reilly.
Motherwell (4-2-3-1): Connelly, Ross, Knight-Lebel, Girdwood-Reich (Moormann 85), Wilson (Lowry 46), Whyte (McAllister 105), Hodge (Fadinger 62), Vogt, Booth, Said (Longelo 46), Maswanhise (Charles-Cook 62). **Subs not used:** Paulsen, Koutroumbis, Weir. **Booked:** Fadinger, Said, Vogt. (aet: Score after 90 mins 0-0)

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	6
St Mirren	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	6
Motherwell	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	4
Hearts	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	3
Dundee	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3
St Johnstone	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	3
Hibernian	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	3
Aberdeen	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3
Rangers	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	1
Falkirk	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1
Dundee Utd	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	1
Kilmarnock	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	9	0

LEADING SCORERS

Killian Phillips	(St Mirren)	3
Kasper Hogh	(Celtic)	3
Benjamin Nygren	(Celtic)	2
Kevin Nisbet	(Aberdeen)	1
Oisin McEntee	(Hearts)	1

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Partick Th	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	6
Ayr Utd	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	4
Stenhsemuir	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	4
Raith Rovers	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	4
Livingston	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3
Dunfermline	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
Inverness CT	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Arbroath	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Queen's Park	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Morton	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

LEADING SCORERS

Robbie Muirhead	(Livingston)	2
Lewis Hodgkiss	(Stenhousemuir)	1
Charlie Telfer	(Raith)	1
Luke McBeth	(Ayr)	1
Robbie Crawford	(Partick)	1

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League One

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hamilton	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	9
East Kilbride	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	9	2	7
Ross County	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	6
Peterhead	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	6
Alloa Ath	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	4
East Fife	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	4
Airdrieonians	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	2
Cove R	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	1
QOS.	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
Montrose	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	10	0

ALLOA ATH (2) 3 **MONTROSE** (0) 0
Glasgow (8), Rankin (42), Foster (75)
Crowd: 553.

Alloa (4-2-3-1): Stewart, Foster, Taggart, Devine, O'Donnel, Scougall, Hetherington, Glasgow (Cameron 85), Marchant (Farquhar 72), Walker (Forbes 72), Rankin (Donnelly 80). **Subs not used:** Roberts, Green, Ellison, McGrath, McCafferty. **Booked:** Hetherington, Marchant.
Montrose (4-4-2): C Gill, Webster (Bertie 82), Williamson (Dillon 83), McGinty, Duffy, Barjonas, Freeman, Byrne (Craig 46), Lyons, Oliver, Loudon (Sutherland 46). **Subs not used:** Clark, C Gill, Clelland. **Booked:** McGinty, Sutherland.

EAST KILBRIDE (0) 3 **COVE R** (0) 0
Elliott (56 pen, 67 pen), Smith (90)
Crowd: 502.

East Kilbride (4-4-1-1): Kelly, Fagan, O'Connor, Steele, Hamilton, McGrattan (Gray 60), Armstrong, Zaid, Moffat (McGuffie 46), Balde (Smith 75), Elliott. **Subs not used:** McKenna, Calder, Ross, McKendrick. **Booked:** Hamilton.
Cove Rangers (4-4-2): Mutch, Bisland, Souter, Parker, Harrington, Barry, Darge, Maguire, McAllister (Oppong 75), Oladipo (Teasdale 54), White. **Subs not used:** Demus, Francis-Burrell, Stephen, Fraser. **Booked:** Barry, Mutch. **Dismissed:** Darge.

HAMILTON (1) 4 **AIRDRIEONIANS** (0) 0
MacDonald (13, 49, 90 pen), Smutek (81)
Crowd: 1,048.

Hamilton (4-3-3): Lyness, Comrie, Smutek, Gallacher, Hendrie, MacDonald, Newbury (Bannigan 54), Blues, Thomas (Crookston 84), Ryan (Eadie 84), McKinstry (Bradley 73). **Subs not used:** Owens, Shiels, Syme, Marks, Trialist. **Booked:** Comrie, Ryan, Smutek.
Airdrieonians (4-1-2-1-2): Sneddon, MacDonald, Ross, Fisher, Devine, Simpson (McLeish 53), Mahon, G Gallagher, Taylor, Yates (Boateng 53), Gibson (Burnside 53). **Subs not used:** D Gallagher, Adams, Bridge, Lister, Easton, Williams. **Booked:** Fisher, Gibson, Ross.

PETERHEAD (0) 2 **EAST FIFE** (0) 1
Mackie (84), To (90 pen) — Healy (77)
Crowd: 602.

Peterhead (4-3-3): Newman, Strachan, Brown, Kerr, Davies-Browne (Carnwath 72), Teklemichael (To 21), Forrest, Yule, Keir (Mackie 46), Smith (Pawlett 82), Ross (Searle 82). **Subs not used:** Megginson, Luyeye, Carrol, McKelvie. **Booked:** Smith.
East Fife (5-3-2): Gaston, Milne, Wilson (Healy 67), Munro, Easton (Slattery 17), Newton, Millar, Bah, Peggie, Austin (Gaffney 78), Ross. **Subs not used:** Hamilton, Rollo, Dow, Fairley, Watson, Loughran. **Booked:** Austin, Healy, Munro, Newton.

LEADING SCORERS

Kyle MacDonald	(Hamilton)	3
Brian Graham	(Ross County)	2
Cameron Elliott	(East Kilbride)	2
Craig McGuffie	(East Kilbride)	2
Finlay Gray	(East Kilbride)	2

League Two

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Elgin C	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	10	2	7
Forfar Ath	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	7
Clyde	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	3	6
Spartans	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	5	4
Annan Athletic	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	6	3
Stirling Alb	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	3
Stranraer	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	3
Kelty Hearts	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	7	3
Dumbarton	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	3
Edinburgh City	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	7	-1

ANNAN ATHLETIC (1) 1 **CLYDE** (1) 2
A Smith (40) — Williamson (30), Connell (89)
Crowd: 447.

Annan Athletic (4-3-3): Albinson, McDermott (Muir 66), Carrick, Watson, Clark, Gibson, P Smith, McKnight (Hooper 84), Cooper (Roy 90), Maxwell, A Smith. **Subs not used:** Sliwinski, Daniel Martins, Connolly. **Booked:** Cooper, Gibson, Maxwell.
Clyde (4-2-3-1): Hogarth, Rooney, Howie, Dunachie, Lovering, Fleming, Murdoch, Scott (Gilligan 72), Hilton (Anderson 82), Redfern (Connell 51), Williamson. **Subs not used:** Terry, Inglis, Campbell, Cruden, Strachan. **Booked:** Howie.

DUMBARTON (0) 0 **EDINBURGH CITY** (2) 3
Foster (4), Lawson (34), Aiken (76)
Crowd: 725.

Dumbarton (4-3-3): Rice, Doyle, Webster, Omar, Robson (Trialist 66), Craig, Hartington, Honeyman, Tomlinson (Spalding 46), McIntosh, Sowa (Lang 46). **Subs not used:** McConnell, Todd, Campbell. **Booked:** Craig.
Edinburgh City (4-1-3-2): Dowie, Grigor (McGinn 84), McGregor, Rowe, J Walker, J Leitch, R Leitch, Aiken, Foster, L Walker (North 64), Lawson (Glasgow 80). **Subs not used:** Weir, Pitt, Brodie, Bunker. **Booked:** Grigor, Lawson.

ELGIN C (1) 4 **KELTY HEARTS** (0) 1
Hester (30), Mackay (51), Dingwall (81), MacIver (85) — Cole (71)
Crowd: 524.

Elgin (3-4-1-2): Ritchie, Girvan, Neill, Murray, Grant (Willox 78), Dingwall, Mackay (Gallagher 78), MacIver (McLean 85), Scullion (Morgan-Cummings 68), Hester (Cairns 68), Colloty. **Subs not used:** Morrison, Machado, Brown, Rothnie. **Booked:** Girvan, Murray.
Kelty Hearts (4-4-1-1): Smith, Walker, Davidson, Brydon, Hannah (Falconer 46), Hislop, McManus, Ferguson (Cunningham 58), Moore (Cole 69), Higginbotham (Moffett 58), Shanley (Lawson 69). **Subs not used:** Murray, Adamson, C Flatman, Z Flatman. **Booked:** Ferguson.

FORFAR ATH (2) 3 **STIRLING ALBION** (0) 0
Arnott (9), Shepherd (42), Brown (70)
Crowd: 473.

Forfar (4-4-2): Stafford, Lynas, Wyllie, Allan, Lemon, Haddow (McLean 82), Mailer, Arnott, Brown (Wilson 73), Shepherd (Richardson 89), Rennie (Alston 74). **Subs not used:** McCallum, Livingstone, Dolzanski, Pasnik, Corr. **Booked:** Brown.
Stirling (4-4-2): McNeil, Thomas (McNab 81), Waugh, Gould, Crane, Wright (Hepburn 58), Dobbie (Raine 82), Banner, Cameron (Laird 58), Allan (Fyfe 46), McLean. **Subs not used:** Duffy, Russell, Denham, Hutchinson. **Booked:** McLean, Thomas.

STRANRAER (0) 1 **SPARTANS** (0) 0
Mcluckie (69)
Crowd: 435.

Stranraer (4-1-3-2): Currie, Dunne, Mcluckie, Gillie, Ecrepont, Quigg, McManus (Stuart 59), Bruce (Hughes 59), Traynor (Healy 66), Dobbie, Clelland (Mason 66). **Subs not used:** Henderson, Nair, Lynch, Trialist. **Booked:** Dunne, Gillie, Mason.
Spartans (4-4-1-1): Martin, Mudie, Sonkur, McKay (Tapping 54), Drysdale, Walls (Dinanga 64), Welsh (Dishington 82), Whyte, Russell (10 82), McNulty, Stowe (Craigen 64). **Subs not used:** Heal, Dall, Campbell. **Booked:** McNulty, Sonkur.

FA COMMUNITY SHIELD

YESTERDAY

ARSENAL (2) 3 **MAN CITY** (0) 0
Calafiori (1), Havertz (28), Odegaard (48)
Crowd: 58,056.

Arsenal (): Raya, White, Mosquera, Gabriel, Calafiori (Hincapie 60), Guimaraes (Rice 46), Lewis-Skelly (Zubimendi 75), Madueke (Saka 60), Odegaard (Eze 84), Tzolis, Havertz (Gyokeres 75). **Subs not used:** Arrizabalaga, Merino, Dowman. **Booked:** Calafiori, Odegaard.
Man City (): Donnarumma, Khusanov, Dias, Gvardiol, O'Reilly (Guehi 54), Anderson (Lewis 60), Kovacic (Gonzalez 79), Semenyo, Foden (Cherki 60), Doku (Grealish 46), Haaland (Marmoush 53). **Subs not used:** Rulli, Ait Nouri, Vitor Reis. **Booked:** Foden, Gvardiol.

FRIENDLIES

FRIDAY

COVENTRY (2) 2 MONACO (0) 0

YESTERDAY

B M'GLADBACH (2) 2 ASTON VILLA (0) 1
BRENTFORD (3) 7 E FRANKFURT (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 1 BOLOGNA (0) 0
CHELSEA (1) 3 R SOCIEDAD (1) 1
EVERTON (1) 1 LILLE (0) 1
FREIBURG (0) 3 CRYSTAL P (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 1 STUTTGART (0) 0
HULL CITY (0) 0 NICE (0) 0
LEEDS UTD (3) 4 AUGSBURG (0) 0
MAINZ (1) 2 BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1
MAN UTD (1) 2 AC MILAN (1) 4
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 B LEVERKUSEN (1) 2
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 RENNES (1) 1
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 HOFFENHEIM (0) 0
UNION BERLIN (1) 2 IPSWICH T (3) 4

YESTERDAY

LIVERPOOL (0) 0 COMO (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 STRASBOURG (0) 1
NOTTM FOREST (2) 2 BREST (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (2) 2 HOFFENHEIM (1) 2

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
QPR.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	3
Millwall	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Swansea	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
West Brom	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bolton W	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Charlton	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Middlesbro	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Watford	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Blackburn	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
West Ham	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Burnley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Wolves	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Birmingham	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sheff Utd	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cardiff C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derby Co	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Lincoln City	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Preston	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Norwich	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Stoke City	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Portsmouth	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
Bristol C	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Southamptn	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-4

FRIDAY

WOLVES (1) 2 BLACKBURN (1) 2

SATURDAY

BOLTON W (2) 2 PRESTON (0) 1
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 MILLWALL (1) 2
CHARLTON (0) 2 DERBY COUNTY (1) 1
MIDDLESBRO (0) 2 LINCOLN CITY (1) 1
NORWICH (0) 1 WEST BROM (0) 2
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 QPR (3) 3
SHEFF UTD (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
STOKE CITY (1) 1 SWANSEA (1) 2

YESTERDAY

BURNLEY (0) 2 WEST HAM (1) 2
WATFORD (2) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1

League One

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Huddersfld	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Stockport County	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	3
Bradford C	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Luton Town	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	3
Cambridge	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
Mansfield	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Bromley	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
MK Dons	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Oxford Utd	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Leicester	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Stevenage	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Wycombe	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Blackpool	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Burton Albion	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Notts Co	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Reading	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	0
Wigan Ath	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Doncaster	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Leyton O	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Barnsley	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Plymouth	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
Peterboro	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
AFC Wimbledon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0

BARNSLEY (0) 0 BROMLEY (0) 1
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 WYCOMBE (1) 1
BRADFORD CITY (0) 2 PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
BURTON ALBION (0) 1 STEVENAGE (0) 1
CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 WIGAN ATH (0) 2
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 3 AFC WIMBLEDON (0) 0
LEYTON O (1) 1 SHEFF WED (1) 2
MANSFIELD (1) 2 DONCASTER (0) 1
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 1
OXFORD UTD (1) 2 MK DONS (2) 2
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 STOCKPORT C (2) 3
READING (3) 3 LUTON TOWN (1) 4

League Two

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Walsall	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3
Newport County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Barnet	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3
Oldham Ath	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Tranmere	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
York City	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3
Cheltenham	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Crewe A	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Fleetwood Town	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Grimsby	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Colchester	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Accrington Stanley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Northampton	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Swindon T	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bristol R	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Rotherham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Chesterfld	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Crawley	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Exeter	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Salford City	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Port Vale	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Shrewsbury	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Gillingham	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Rochdale	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0

ACCRINGTON S (2) 2 COLCHESTER (1) 2
BARNET (2) 3 SALFORD CITY (0) 1
CHELTENHAM (1) 2 ROTHERHAM (0) 1
CHESTERFLD (0) 0 FLEETWOOD TOWN (1) 1
CRAWLEY (0) 0 CREWE A (0) 1
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 WALSALL (0) 3
GRIMSBY (1) 1 EXETER (0) 0
NEWPORT COUNTY (2) 3 ROCHDALE (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 SWINDON T (0) 0
OLDHAM ATH (0) 2 PORT VALE (0) 0
TRANMERE (1) 2 SHREWSBURY (0) 0
YORK CITY (0) 3 BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2

FIXTURES

Week ahead

Kick off 7.45 unless stated

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff v Wrexham (8.00).

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - PLAY OFF ROUND 1ST LEG
Levski Sofia v AEK Athens (8.00), Dinamo Zagreb v Viking FK (8.00), Fenerbahce v Lyon (8.00).
VERTU TROPHY - NORTHERN GROUP B
Wigan v Aston Villa U21 (7.00).
GROUP E
Stockport County v Everton U21 (7.00).
SOUTHERN GROUP C
Reading v Wycombe (7.00).
GROUP F
Barnet v Arsenal U21, Leyton Orient v AFC Wimbledon (7.00).
GROUP G
Northampton v Brighton U21 (7.00).

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - PLAY OFF ROUND 1ST LEG
Celtic v LASK (8.00), Slovan Bratislava v CM Celje (8.00), Hapoel Beer Sheva v Sabah Baku (8.00), NEC v Bodo/Glimt (8.00).
VERTU TROPHY - NORTHERN GROUP D
Mansfield v Man City U21 (7.00).

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE - PLAY OFF ROUND 1ST LEGS
Red Star Belgrade v Plzen (7.00), Benfica v AGF (8.00), Besiktas v FK Kauno Zalgiris (6.00), KF Egnatia v Lillestrom (6.00), Jagiellonia Bialystock v Iberia 1999 (5.00), FC Kairat v Anderlecht (4.00), Mjallby AIF v Red Bull Salzburg (5.00), OFI v CSKA Sofia (7.00), Sint-Truiden v Omonia Nicosia (7.00), Trabzonspor v Ferencvaros (6.00), Universitatea Craiova v Ararat Armenia (6.00), Lech Poznan v Thun (6.00).
UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE - PLAY OFF ROUND FIRST LEGS
Atalanta v Hapoel Tel-Aviv (7.30), Braga v Austria Vienna (8.00), Dinamo City v AE Pafos (8.00), FC Drita v Inter D'Escaldes (7.00), Gent v Hibernian (7.30), Getafe v Partizan Belgrade (8.00), Gornik Zabrze v Monaco (7.00), Hajduk Split v Rakow Czestochowa (8.00), Hearts v Rapid Vienna, Inter Turku v Copenhagen (5.00), Lincoln Red Imps v Larne (5.00), Lugano v Maccabi Tel-Aviv (7.30), Midtjylland v Rijeka (6.00), Motherwell v Freiburg (7.30), Nordsjaelland v St Gallen (6.00), Panathinaikos v Hradec Kralove (7.30), PAOK v Brann (6.45), Rangers v Jablonec, Shamrock Rovers v KuPS (8.00), Sion v Ajax (7.15), Tromso v Brighton (6.00), Twente v Qarabag FK (7.00), Vikingur Reykjavik v Borac (7.00), KI Klaksvik v Rigas FS (6.30).
SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Sheff Wed v Bradford (8.00).

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP
Inverness CT v Partick (7.30).
PREMIER LEAGUE
Arsenal v Coventry (8.00).

Kick off 3.00 unless stated

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
Dundee Utd v Dundee (5.45).
WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP
Livingston v Dunfermline, Morton v Arbroath, Queen's Park v Stenhousemuir, Raith v Ayr.
WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1
Airdrieonians v Ross County, Cove Rangers v Peterhead, East Fife v Hamilton, Montrose v East Kilbride, Queen of South v Alloa.
WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2
Clyde v Forfar, Edinburgh City v Annan Athletic, Kelty Hearts v Dumbarton, Spartans v Elgin, Stirling v Stranraer.
PREMIER LEAGUE
Brentford v Tottenham Hotspur (5.30), Everton v Crystal Palace, Hull v Man Utd (12.30), Ipswich v Sunderland, Nottm Forest v Leeds.
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Birmingham v Bristol City (12.30), Blackburn v Middlesbrough, Derby v Cardiff, Lincoln City v Portsmouth (12.30), Millwall v Norwich (12.30), Preston North End v Wolverhampton, QPR v Bolton, Southampton v Stoke, Swansea v Sheff Utd, West Ham v Charlton, Wrexham v Watford.
SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
AFC Wimbledon v Reading, Bromley v Cambridge Utd, Doncaster v Barnsley (12.30), Leicester v Burton Albion, Luton v Notts County (12.30), Milton Keynes Dons v Huddersfield, Peterborough v Mansfield, Stevenage v Oxford Utd, Stockport County v Blackpool, Wigan v Leyton Orient, Wycombe v Plymouth.
SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
Bristol Rovers v Newport County (12.30), Colchester v Oldham, Crewe v Northampton, Exeter v Accrington Stanley, Fleetwood Town v Gillingham, Port Vale v Tranmere, Rochdale v Crawley Town, Rotherham v York, Salford City v Chesterfield (12.30), Shrewsbury v Barnet, Swindon v Cheltenham, Walsall v Grimsby (12.30).

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

PREMIER LEAGUE
Brighton v Aston Villa (2.00), Man City v AFC Bournemouth (2.00), Newcastle v Liverpool (4.30).
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
West Brom v Burnley (Noon).

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